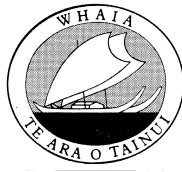


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Principal's Comment

As we move into the final term, students are faced with increasingly important assessments. This year we placed our senior examinations on either side of the holidays. The aim was to encourage students to use those holidays for some serious revision. Time will tell if this plan has worked.

Term 4 is also a time when students planning to leave school at the end of the year approach us for references. Our aim is to be able to support our students moving on to the next stage in their lives by giving them as positive a reference as we can. So what can students do to make sure we can make a very positive yet truthful reference?

- Academic achievement is great but a positive approach to learning and their studies is even more important;
- Good attendance;
- Participation in at least some aspects of the wider life of the school;
- A positive attitude to staff and fellow students;
- A willingness to meet our expectations on uniform.

On that last point, I did have a plan to write to parents of students who arrive at school every day in perfect uniform, but I abandoned that plan because so many students do just that. When I looked at it closely I saw that it is a tiny minority who fail to meet our expectations and who push against the rules we set. I would therefore like to express my thanks to the hundreds of families who send well-dressed students to Edgewater College every day.

A J Vester
Principal

Co-curricular Prize-giving Wednesday 24 October - 7.00 p.m.

This year our Co-curricular Prize-giving will have a slightly different format. Light refreshments will be served during the ceremony, so there will be a small cover charge towards catering costs.

Please come and support our students who have done well in a wide range of sports, music, cultural and other co-curricular activities.

Tickets \$5 - from Mrs Blase, School Nurse
No door sales

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Friday 12 October, 7.00 p.m.
International Dinner (Year 13)

Monday 22 October
Labour Day holiday – school closed

Wednesday 24 Oct, 7.00 pm
Co-curricular Prize-giving * see notice below

NOVEMBER

Thursday 8 Nov, 7.30 pm
Senior Prize-giving

Friday 9 November
Senior students now on study leave:
attend only for exams

Wednesday 14 – Friday 16 Nov
Junior exams

Monday 19 November
NCEA & Scholarship exams begin

DECEMBER

Monday 3 – Friday 7 December
Year 10 Camp

Wednesday 5 December
NCEA & Scholarship exams finish

Friday 14 December
Last day of Term 4

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 October at 6.00 p.m.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

1.00 – 5.30 p.m. Wednesdays

Student Achievements

Kelly Martin (RI4) and Vanessa Humby (KO2) have been awarded the Misato Machi Scholarships to Japan. The scholarships are provided by the Takasaki Education Board and the girls will spend three weeks in Japan, all expenses paid. Lucy Han (TO6), Maithili Sreen (TI6), Daisie Yu (TI2) and Qi Zhang (TI7) were awarded ASB Bursaries. The girls were presented their awards at a luncheon and award ceremony on 19 September at Eden Park. Kim Ke (KO2), a Year 9 student, has won an annual competition run by the French Embassy in Wellington. Her winning artwork, illustrating an aspect of the capital city of Paris, will be published in next year's French Embassy Calendar. This is the first time an Edgewater College student has entered this competition and is a truly superb achievement. Well done, Kim!

PLANTATION BUSINESS CHALLENGE 2007

Four Edgewater College senior Economics and Accounting students – Desiree Chan Chui (team leader), George Tofofohe, Cassandra Suemai and Archana Patel – participated in the Plantation Business Challenge competition from 19 September to 2 October 2007. The Pacific Business Challenge 2007 was awarded to Edgewater College for Pacific Business Trust Best Business Proposal worth \$1600 for the team.

Archana Patel (TO9) was delighted to receive \$3000 Plantation Business Challenge MIT Gardenia Scholarship. This is the second time Edgewater College had won this competition which only started in 2005. In addition, Desiree Chan Chui (TI6) and George Tofofohe (KO5) were awarded Scholarships of \$4,000 each from AUT.

There were 28 senior students from seven other secondary schools from South Auckland who participated in this challenge. The competition was organised by Auckland University of Technology, Manukau Institute of Technology and Pacific Business Trust. The competition was demanding and these are fantastic achievements – congratulations to you all!

CULTURAL & FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 8 September saw the inaugural mix of fashion and culture. More than 175 students were involved in the event, some in two or more culture groups. Leadership among the groups was very impressive!

The fashion designers showed off their talent and had models walking the "Cat Walk".

Tickets sold very quickly, so unfortunately some missed out but were able to purchase the DVD. Money raised will go towards a new over-locker for the Textile Department, improved communication equipment for the Hall and resources for the Health Department.

Thanks to all staff who gave their time on the night as well as the Tutors of each culture group.

Need some help for NCEA?

STEP-UP

Revision Classes for Senior Students

Unitec in Schools Step-Up programme is holding a series of one-day exam preparation classes for Levels 1-3 NCEA in a wide range of subjects.

Classes are held at Unitec in Mt Albert.
Cost: \$75 per class

ENROL NOW!

Enrolments close on Friday 12 October so you need to act now. Enrol online: <http://stepup.unitec.ac.nz>

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)

ADULT CLASSES IN THE EVENINGS AT EDGEWATER COLLEGE ARE:

Monday - Massage Stage 2, Iridology, Learner Licence Theory, Excel Stage 2, Build Confidence, Hair Cutting, Maori, Sustainable Living, Wine Appreciation

Tuesday - Audio Recording, Mandarin, Be Prepared – Survive Disaster, Aerobics, Gifts from the Kitchen, Hindi, Parenting, Intro to Computers, Men in the Kitchen, NZ Day Skipper, Tax Information, Skincare & Makeup

Wednesday - Digital Photos, Spanish, Italian Cooking, Yoga, Massage, Flowers, Email, Interior Design, Share Investing, Drug Proofing, Xmas Paper & cards

Thursday - Pilates, Dog Handling, Mosaics, MYOB, Japanese Cooking, Samoan, Keyboarding, Protect Yourself, Introduction to the 'Treaty' of Waitangi

Saturday - Indian cooking, Noodles, Tennis, Floral, Internet Basics, MYOB, Word, Personal Growth, Relaxation & Mediation, Publisher, Sushi Making, Yoga, Xmas Paper

Daytime - Cake Decorating, Floral Design

Full Details Ph: 576 4731
www.ecep.homestead.com

CLASSES START MONDAY 15th OCTOBER

Thank You

To the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust for a grant of \$2,000. This grant helped fund the Level 2 Outdoor Education snow-craft course at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Tongariro National Park, from 12-17 August.