



STRIKE DAY WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

The Executive of the PPTA has called for a national one-day strike on Wednesday 12 September. The strike may be called off in the event that the Ministry of Education presents a substantially improved offer by Monday 10 September but at this stage we expect it to go ahead.

Administrative staff and teachers who are not members of the PPTA will be at school but as we cannot offer normal classes, we would ask parents to keep students home for the day. If this is not possible, any students who attend school will be supervised in their study for the day, in the Library. There will be no bus services.

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on this day.

We recommend that you pay your NZQA fees by Tuesday 11 September if you are not coming to school on Wednesday.

One of the challenges for any school is ensuring that every student works to their full potential and reaches a reasonable standard of learning. On that score we all fail. Despite the best efforts of teachers and parents, some students seem very resistant to making the most of their abilities.

One suggested approach to dealing with this, which is in use in a number of countries in Europe and is being promoted as a solution in England, is to do away with automatic promotion. What happens in these countries is that students who have not reached the required standard at the end of the school year repeat that year, or are required to attend summer school to catch up.

I would be interested in parents' views on this solution. Might it give the necessary focus to reluctant learners?

A J Vester
Principal

You may have seen all the publicity about bullying. We can be proud that it is not a significant feature of Edgewater College because everybody is working hard to eliminate it from this school.

Parents, you can help protect your son or daughter from receiving unwanted text messages by teaching your children and teenagers to:

- Guard their contact information;
- Never reply to harassing messages, especially with hostility, as this is likely to increase the level of harassment;
- Save harassing messages;
- Speak out when you hear of or see someone harassing others on-line or via cell phones.

Recent research has shown that students who are text-bullied are also likely to be bullied by other traditional means. This means that students who are bullied are receiving an added load. This also means that those who are bullying students at school are using their cell phone and on-line sites (eg. "Bebo") to continue the bullying.

Mr Williams
Guidance Counsellor

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 12 September
NZ PPTA Strike – see notice at left
Last day for paying NZQA fees.

Thursday 13 September
Blood Bank Day
Elections - Student Representative
for Board of Trustees

Thursday 20 – Friday 21 Sept
Senior exams
(Continued at beginning of Term 4)

Friday 21 September
Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 8 October
First day of Term 4

Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 Oct
Senior exams (continued)

Friday 12 October, 7.00 pm
International dinner (Year 13)

Monday 22 October
Labour Day – school closed

Wednesday 24 October, 7.00 pm
Co-curricular Prize-giving

NOVEMBER

Thursday 8 November, 7.00 pm
Senior Prize-giving

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board meeting will be held
on **Wednesday 12 September**
at 6.00 p.m.

UNIFORM SHOP

Shop hours during term:
Wednesdays 1.00 – 5.30 p.m.
Please note that the shop will be closed on Wednesday 12 Sept if the strike goes ahead but will open on Wed 19 Sept instead (normally closed for stocktaking).

Student Achievements

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Senior Girls' Basketball

The Senior Girls' Basketball team has just finished an unbeaten season, winning the Manukau Schools Under-19 competition by beating Tangaroa College 34-32 in the final. Edgewater was behind for the whole game apart from the last few minutes when the experience of Captain Wendy Vaivai and the control and shooting of MVP Maureen Tuia ensured a great come-from-behind win.

Team members: Wendy Vaivai, Maureen Tuia, Hannah Ward, Maithili Sreen, Ashley Murray, Lisa Vaivai, Autumn Stepanic, Nicolette Upoko, Ruby Barnes, Zoe Foster, Nikki Samsom, Tasha Taylor and Melissa Bowker.

Interhouse Netball

Congratulations to RIMU for winning the competition and also for having the highest participation.

Rugby

1st XV Rugby

Our last game of the season against Waitakere College, at home, proved to be a great success. Initially the big pack from Waitakere threatened to roll over the top of our team, but sustained pressure and clutch tackling kept the score close at half time with Waitakere up by 12 to 10. After an inspirational half time talk, EC came out all fired up and with an excellent tactical kick by Captain Alex, our mobile forwards busted Waitakere up the middle for a try under the post within the first five minutes. This proved to be the killer blow as this same tactic was repeated another three times to help EC to romp home to their best win of the season – 37 to 12.

Mr T Edwards, Coach

Hockey

The Girls' Hockey team won the East Division and went on to win the Open East-West E grade championships. The team has won every game of the season except for one draw. Great leadership from Captain, Katie Leicester, and Charlotte Leaver.

Mr Stickland, Coach

Restricted Weight team

The rugby season has come to an end but what an awesome ending! Edgewater's Restricted Weight Rugby team won every single game this season. The finals took place at Sacred Heart College, where families and friends congregated to support their teams. Edgewater was pumped and ready to take on Auckland Grammar. The game started with a haka, the boys started the game with passion, giving a hundred percent from start to finish. It was a nail-biting game but Edgewater wanted it the most, making a drop kick goal and converting a penalty goal. Edgewater won 6-0.

I would like to thank our coach and all the family and friends who have been on the sidelines supporting the team throughout the season.

Mrs Dhillon, Team Manager



2008 Australian Soccer Tournament

Next year Edgewater College hopes to take a soccer team to Brisbane to compete in the Southern Skies Tournament from 6-11 July. All those boys who would like to be part of this amazing experience need to get in contact with Mr Fitness as soon as possible. Trials will be held but are open to both juniors and seniors. More information will become available for this trip but expressions of interest are needed for planning to get underway.

Mr Fitness
1st XI Head Coach, Soccer

Jazz Band

Success at KBB Band Festival

On 22 August the Edgewater College Jazz Band competed in the KBB Band Festival at the Auckland Town Hall. The band played superbly and received a silver award, which band leader Secunda Toma collected at the Gala Concert the following Sunday night.

This is a fantastic result, placing the band in the top ten bands across Auckland – a testament to the hard work put in by the students over the year. A huge thanks must go to the band director, Mr Hamish Arthur, whose work with the band has been pivotal in their attaining this high standard. Thanks also to all the band members and featured soloists who represented the College with such pride and skill.

Mrs N Haddock, Music Department

Gateway: Hair and Beauty

Last month three Gateway Hair and Beauty students graduated at a fashion show, showcasing their hair and makeup skills, at the Cut Above Training Academy in the city. The students – Hadassah Devis, Erin Simpson and Ankee Wong – successfully completed the 26-week programme, achieving six unit standards at Level 2 and gaining 36 credits each, with Merit. The show was fantastic and the quality of our students' work was excellent

**Mrs Tredwell,
Gateway Co-ordinator**

Information Technology

Year 9 student William Zhang recently achieved an amazing keying-in speed of 89 words a minute with 89% accuracy. This is an excellent achievement, due to the fact that William keys in by touch.

Canteen Concert



On Friday 10 August in the lunch break, students were entertained by teachers at a fundraising concert. As a result, we were able to send \$400 to Canteen for their work with teenagers with cancer.

Thanks to Neeru Raghunathan and Jasmine Sharp, MCs on the day, Ainsley Williams who came up with the idea, everyone in Realistix and Mr J Banks for inspiring, goading or bribing staff to take part – and not least, thanks to the staff who performed on stage.

EDUCATION FOR ENTERPRISE

Edgewater College is part of a pilot Education for Enterprise programme – “E4E” – encouraging innovation and enterprise within the classroom.

Recently a researcher from the New Zealand Council for Educational Research spent a day with us, interviewing teachers and students involved in the programme.

Participants completed the Student Teaching and Learning Survey, which explored what students think of school, the ways they learn, their ideas about themselves, their future (21st century learning) and their learning here at school. We were one of 23 schools across New Zealand to take part in this survey.

Here are some of the quotes from Edgewater College students:

- I think that overall we are taught well. Results students get depend mostly on their attitude rather than teaching methods.
- Great school. Teachers are always helpful and care about your progress and results throughout your school life, which to me is very important to students' level of achievement and interest in school.
- I think this school is an effective learning environment that will help us in future.
- I like the way the teachers incorporate fun games into learning by making them fit the subject.
- I get a lot out of Edgewater. And I'm proud that I go there because they educate me in a way that'll help me succeed in the future.

EDGEWATER SHOPS

The College has been in regular contact with the local shops at the corner of Edgewater and Ti Rakau Drives. There is concern about the behaviour of a small number of our students who are ruining things for the rest of the College community. Students are welcome to use the shops on the way to and from school but should move on once they have bought what they need. Duty teachers are at the shops before and after school to help this to happen. The College would appreciate parent help with this. Please pick up your children promptly after school if you are meeting them at the shops, and deliver them to the school gate instead of dropping them at the shops in the morning.

Thank you for your support in helping the College to maintain its good reputation in the community.

CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder that you need to let us know of any changes of address or contact details of caregivers or emergency contacts. We have had instances recently of needing to contact home about medical issues and none of the phone numbers on our records were current. If you (or your designated emergency contact person) get a new cell phone number, please let us know.

HEALTH ISSUES

If a student has a health issue at school the standard procedure is that they see the Nurse, who will make contact with a parent if the student needs to go home or requires medical attention. If you receive a call or text from your child asking you to collect them, please phone the school nurse first to verify.

UNIFORM MATTERS

The old style jacket will be discontinued as uniform from 2008. Uniform prices will unfortunately be going up in Term 4. This is the first increase for most items since their introduction in 1997.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2008

If you have a student currently in Year 8 and have not yet enrolled them for secondary school in 2008, please contact the office on 576 9039. Further enrolment sessions will be held during the day on Wednesday 12 September and after school on Thursday 13 September (4.00 to 6.00 p.m.). Please phone for an appointment.

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.

BUS SERVICE USE IT OR LOSE IT

The Auckland Regional Transport Authority regularly reviews the use of school bus services on subsidised routes. Where fewer than 15 students use the service, it becomes uneconomic for them to continue to subsidise the service.

Recently the Burswood Route (number 77) was reviewed. Although the number of users is low, the ARTA will continue to offer the service throughout Term 3 and Term 4. If numbers continue to dwindle, unfortunately the service is likely to be stopped at the end of the year.

We encourage students who live on the bus route to use the service, which travels via Burswood, Elderberry, Burswood, Ti Rakau, Botany, Cascades, Pakuranga, Gossamer, Ti Rakau, to Edgewater.

This route is operated by Howick & Eastern Buses and is a one stage flat fare.

YEAR 10 CAMP

3 – 7 December – Waiheke Island

Cost: \$120 includes food, accommodation, transport, and qualified instructors.

Students who took part in last year's camp had an AWESOME experience. Why not be part of this year's camp?

Only 12 places left. Payment can be made by instalment but you need to start soon.

See Mr Gardi for more details (ph. 576 9039 ext. 870)



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Come on parents - come to Edgewater and learn yourselves!

Edgewater College has a large adult learning programme and we encourage you to be part of it!

For full details on all the courses we offer please do one of the following:

- * send a student to the adult education office to collect a course booklet
- * phone 576 4731 and we will post you a copy
- * visit www.ecep-admin@edgewater.school.nz

**We look forward to you learning at Edgewater
Kei te pirangi mātou mo to ako i te kura o Tahawai**

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