

EDGEWATER COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are getting very close to the NZQA external exam time. Results from these exams are important to students wanting to ensure they get NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 and are essential to students aiming to get Merit and Excellence grades. Those higher grades are increasingly important for entry to many tertiary courses and it would be a waste to miss out on entry to a course a student really wants to do simply because they had not achieved well enough in the externally assessed part of their qualification.

The simple message is that the upcoming holidays should be a two-week study period for many students. Entry to desirable courses and employment is competitive and if we want our students to be successful, a serious holiday study programme is essential.

Mr Allan J Vester, Principal



CAMPUS LINK COURSES

Edgewater College students have an opportunity to attend a variety of courses offered by Campus Link, at a special rate of \$35 a day, being held at Botany Downs Secondary College from 24 September through to 9 October (L1 one day course, L2-3 two day course). A list of courses is available, and payment can be made, at Edgewater College Reception. We encourage students who need to do extra work to take up this offer. We can arrange transport to BDSC for students who require assistance.

TEACHER RECEIVES AWARD

Edgewater College Specialist English teacher Desirè Truter was recently awarded the NEXT Foundation Expert Teacher Award at The Mind Lab by Unitec's graduation ceremony. The award celebrates Ms Truter's commitment to upskilling herself in order to best equip her students with the skills needed for 21st Century careers. Ms Truter was humbled to win the award and says it is an accolade that she is really proud of. We are proud of her too.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Last day of Term 3

Friday 23 September

Term 4 begins

Monday 10 October

Labour Day holiday

Monday 24 October

Co-curricular Prize Giving

The Howick Club

6:00pm Tuesday 25 October

Tickets \$25 available at school Reception

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30pm on Monday 26 September.

Uniform Shop Position

We are preparing for opening hours in Jan/Feb 2017 and the shop will be open one week before term starts.

If a parent is interested in working during that time (mainly to help with student fittings), please contact Trudi Gale at the Uniform Shop on Mobile: 021 980054 or E-mail:

retail@uniformgroup.co.nz

THANK YOU

Special thanks to **Rick Pickard** from the **John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation** and to **Honda NZ** for their generous donation which was a very special gift to the school.

Thank you also to **Janice Willis** from **Elderly Assist Ltd** for donating supplies for our student's various Textile Technology projects.

Thank you for supporting our school, and our students, in this way.

ENROLMENT 2017

We are enrolling now for **Year 9, 2017**. Bookings are available for enrolment appointments each Monday and Tuesday afternoon between 3:30pm and 5:00pm. Please contact the school on Tel: 576 9039 to make your appointment.

If these days or times are not suitable for you, we will consider alternatives.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child.

If you have any questions about enrolling, please feel free to call us or email the school office:

Enquiries@edgewater.school.nz

DRAMA PRODUCTION—*NIU SILA*

Congratulations to all the cast and crew members who brought NIU SILA to the drama stage earlier this month. The comedy, from the creators of Bro Town, was about an unlikely friendship between two boys that spanned 20 years, two cultures and one street. The dominant theme of NIU SILA is an exploration of friendship and how even the best of friends can be torn apart by society.

In this version of the production the script was divided into six sections, with five groups of different cast members. Each group performed the main roles of Peter and Ioane as well as the surrounding characters, bringing to life the people and circumstances that shape the boys' lives and friendship.

Opening night was superb and we congratulate all on a stellar performance, with special thanks to all the Year 11 English with Drama students who provided enthusiasm and support.

Ms Jansen is doing fantastic work in this fledgling department and the students are matching her in this.



NZQA EXAMS AND SUBJECT SELECTION

NZQA external exam Admission slips will be given to senior students in week 2 of term 4. The admission slip will need to be shown for entry into each of your exams in term 4. We remind seniors not to lose their slips.

This year we are making subject selection for 2017 through the student portal. 2017 option selection will close Friday 23 September.

All students need to have chosen their subjects for next year via the Subject Planning and Selection sheets which were handed out to all students last week, and the student portal.