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DID YOU KNOW?

That on this day in 1948: Sir Peter Blake, New Zealand yachtsman and winner of numerous Whitbread and America's Cup sailing contests was born in Auckland, NZ.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

End of Term 3 2021

Welcome to our new and improved Newsletter! We will be looking to send 1 – 2 newsletters each term going forward to help keep you informed about all the great things happening at EC. Please do get in touch if you have any items you would like in our newsletter in the future.

My sincere thanks to the entire Edgewater College community

I have been in awe at the way our entire community has responded and continues to respond to the latest COVID situation. It certainly has not been easy for our students, our staff and our community, especially with the lockdown happening this late in the school year. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all members of the EC Community for the amazing way you have taken this in your stride and supported each other. We have truly see our EC values in action: [Maia](#) | Courage, [Manaakitanga](#) | Care and [Manawa Reka](#) | Curiosity. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

With the holidays coming up next week hopefully we can look ahead to a change in Alert Level and a return to onsite learning in Term 4.

Please rest assured that all health and safety plans are in place for when we do move to Alert Level 2 so that all students are able to be welcomed back to onsite learning.

New staff

Over lockdown we have also had the opportunity to welcome two new staff to Edgewater College. Sophie Lenahan joins us from Western Springs College as our new Head of Social Sciences and Katarena Bisset from Howick College also joins our Social Studies team as TIC Sociology. Welcome Sophie and Katarena – it is great to have you as part of the Edgewater Whānau. In week 2 of next term we will also have the opportunity to welcome Melany Ginders as our new Head of Futures. Melany is joining us from Waikato Diocesan School for Girls in Hamilton and we are very much looking forward to her arriving to head up our Careers / Futures team.

Events this term

Even though we've been in lockdown it has been great to see a large

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

number of events and celebrations move online and continue to be celebrated. This has included Tongan Language week – Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Ako Lelei and Te Wiki o te reo Māori – including the nationwide Māori language moment. This week is also Mental Health Awareness week with activities such as 'pass the compliment' and celebrating our Mental Health Champions. Well done to the entire organising team with such a great way to end Term 3.

NCEA

As I have reported in my weekly emails there have been significant changes to NCEA to support learners in gaining the qualifications they need this year. Please know it is never too late and we are here to help and support all our senior students in gaining NCEA qualifications this year.

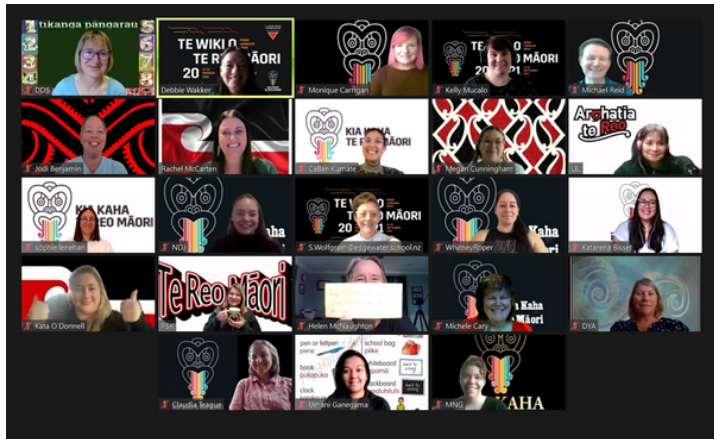
At present the same adaptations to NCEA as were introduced last year are in place, including 1 Learning Recognition Credit for every 4 credits earned.

Please know that our teaching and leadership team have also spent lockdown designing individualised plans for every senior student to ensure that we are ready to go from when we are back onsite.

Community Consultation

Even with lockdowns and changes in Alert Levels we are still looking ahead to our plans for Edgewater College in 2022! One of the ways we collect information from you as a community is through our annual survey which is available for completion now. We would love to hear from all our parents and caregivers – please go to <https://tinyurl.com/eccommunity2021> and have your say on both what we are doing well and the areas we can continue to improve.

Your support in completing this questionnaire is very much appreciated. Both the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team use this information as part of our strategic planning and we very much value your input in helping us decide "where to from here" for our school.



Hauora Hub

We have been working on a central space dedicated to supporting the Hauora / Wellbeing of all our learners with spaces for our Youth Workers / Deans / Meeting and Study spaces. Part One of this development is now complete and I know this will get good use as we welcome our students back to school next term.

Board of Trustees news

The Board is very pleased to announce that approval and funding has been given to provide air conditioning to the entire school. This is part of ensuring that learners and staff are comfortable throughout the school year, and I know will be appreciated by students and staff alike in the hot summer months in the future.

Term 4 2021

We remain hopeful that we will be able to return to onsite learning during Term 4 this term. I will be in touch via email to confirm the arrangements should such an announcement by the government be made. The examination timetable for 2021 is available here: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/exams-and-portfolios/examination-timetable.pdf>

Exams begin on the 22nd of November and conclude on the 14th of December.

We will be in touch about our plans for other Term 4 events once we are back onsite.

Take care all and enjoy the holiday break. I look forward to seeing many of you in person in Term 4.

Ngā mihi
Louise Addison



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*Ki te kotahi te kakaho ka
whati, ki te kapuia e kore e
whati*
*Alone we can be broken,
standing together we are invincible*

STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION

We have been advised by NZSTA that we need to 'PAUSE' the Student Election of a Student Trustee for 2022. We are awaiting further information about when we will resume this election process and we will let the community know the new timeline in due course.

2022 BOARD ELECTION

Have you thought about becoming an Edgewater College school parent trustee? Next year we will hold our 2022 Board Election. As part of the Board's succession plan, the current board members are inviting parents to attend a board meeting in Term 4 to find out all about what being a board parent trustee is all about.

For further details please contact our Board Secretary, Sue Wolfgram at s.wolfgram@edgewater.school.nz.



OUR EDGEWATER UNISS TEAM

by Jodi Benjamin | Whitney Roper

For the first time ever Edgewater College entered the Upper North Island Secondary School Netball Tournament that is held during the secondary schools winter tournament week. This is a weeklong tournament. Edgewater has attended winter tournament week before, but never in netball.

The team was selected, extra training and fitness session were held. The team fundraised really hard to ensure we had all the things we needed to be able to feel proud while representing our school. The girls sold chocolates, raffles were organised and a quiz night for the staff and their friends and family was booked. The Edgewater College staff were amazing at supporting the quiz night bringing along their friends and families..

New uniforms for on and off the court were ordered. The girls loved their new playing dresses.

Mrs Roper organised preseason games against Pakuranga College, Botany College and Tangaroa College. It was great to have some tough competition to test our skills against.

We would like to thank the following people for their support Jennie Valgre our official umpire for the week, Madi and The Stables for hosting our quiz night and sponsoring prizes, Darrin Worsfold, Kelly Bertrand from Capsule, Heights Bakery, Lindsay Joe, Wendy Sheahan, F45 and Paradise Ice-Skating in Botany.

Sadly level 4 lockdown happened two weeks before the tournament was due to start. This meant it was cancelled. We are now working towards entering the 2022 UNISS tournament.

STUDENT SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students of Edgewater College

Hunter Te Ranapa – Selected for the Northland Under 15 basketball team and was named an All star 5, as a member of the Auckland City Basketball 13's team at the Junior Hoop Nation Showcase

Our **Netball Blue Team** – placed first in their grade, **Netball Orange Team** – placed first in their grade and **Netball Yellow Team** – placed second in their grade

Basketball Under 17 Boys Team – placed top of their pool

Robert Grew and Vili Havili – Selected for the Auckland East Under 16 Wider Rugby Team

Ben Peni and Max Ameke – Selected for the Auckland Under 18 Divisional Wider Training Squad

PICTURED

Team members: Brooklyn Fa'asu, Lasela Fonua, Tegan Kaaka, Mere Kunaika, Karyn Lamipeti, Silivia Paongo, Elisa Rubena, Kerstein Salima, Jeniah Sangyum (C), Hehea Tuimoala (C).

Not pictured: Mrs Roper (Coach), Miss Benjamin (Manager)

COMING UP IN TERM 4

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Thursday 28 October - Co curricular Awards evening
- Labour Day holiday - Monday 25 October
- Board Meeting - Monday 1 November
- Junior Assessment week - 15 to 19 November
- Senior students finish on Tuesday 9 November
- Senior Prizegiving - Tuesday 9 November
- NCEA Exams start 22 November to 14 December
- Junior students finish on Thursday 9 December
- Junior Prizegiving - Thursday 9 December

KBB FESTIVAL

Last week the Edgewater College Jazz band took part in the KBB bands and Orchestra Festival held at Holy Trinity Cathedral and St Mary's Church, Parnell.

This is a week-long festival attracting large numbers of ensembles from a wide range of schools all across the Auckland area.

At the Gala Concert, the Edgewater College Jazz band was awarded a BRONZE Award for their performance. The band also received a special award for 'Best performance of a NZ Work by a Jazz Band' which was amazing.



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Music is the soundtrack of your life

Dick Clark

WHĀNAU SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

by Kelly Mucalo

Our annual Whānau Spelling Bee competition was held in the library at the end of Week 10 in Term 2. A huge thank you to all of the students and teachers who helped with the setting up and acted as markers, and to Ms Lui-Webster and her class for running the event. Thanks also to all those amazing students and teachers who participated regardless of their spelling abilities. Congratulations to Cooper, who were our winning 2021 Whānau, and particularly to Juliette Leone, our 2021 EC Grand Slam Spelling Bee Champion!



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*Creativity is
intelligence
having fun*

Albert Einstein

ALUMNI SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following past students of Edgewater College:

- Patricia Maliepo who has been selected to 2021 Black Ferns squad as a First five-eighth.
- Michele Prasad for winning Community Leader of the Year.
- Willy Leiataua who won the Wolfe Foundation Scholarship.
- Iverson Chee who has completed his Level 6 in Hospitality and is going to student Hospitality Management. He is highly regarded by his NZMA tutors.
- Michael Kingston for graduating with a MPPE-Master of Phil Politics Econ from Victoria University of Wellington.
- Selvi Balasubramaniam for graduating with a BA-Bachelor of Arts and BCOM-Bachelor of Commerce from Victoria University of Wellington.
- Zoe Tofts for graduating with a BAHONS-Bachelor of Arts with Honours from Victoria University of Wellington.

“Te manu e kai i te miro, nōna te ngahere, Te manu e kai i te mātauranga, nōna te ao”.

“The bird that partakes of the miro berry, owns the forest, the bird that partake of education, owns the world”.

WHĀNAU MASTERMIND COMPETITION

by Kelly Mucalo

In Week 2 of Term 3, our annual Whānau Mastermind competition took place in the library over two days. Teams answered questions in eight different categories such as Pop Culture, Arts & Literature and Geography. The competition was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. Congratulations to Hillary, our winning 2021 Whānau. And thank you to all of those who participated and to Mrs Dawson and Miss Benjamin for the organisation and running of this competition event.





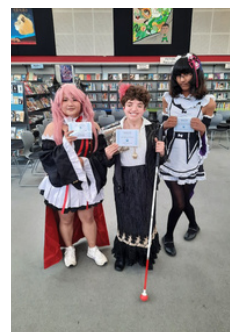
BOOK WEEK

by Anonymous

During Week 3 of this term our amazing librarian, Kelly Mucalo ran our annual Book Week. The week was action packed with daily activities such as:

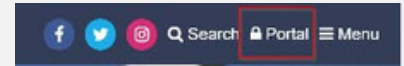
- The Mystery of the Missing Macaw - Can you solve this years mystery first?
- Design an EC Bookmark - Prizes for top junior and senior design.
- Around the World - How well do you know the world we live in? Join us for an Around the World themed Kahoot quiz.
- Escape room - Can you solve the clues, collect all the keys and escape the library?
- Cosplay Day and competition - Come dressed as your favourite book character and gold coin donation for Youthline.

All staff and students thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the activities and celebrating the love of reading and literature.



PARENT ACCESS TO OUR PORTAL

For access to your child's school records including Option selection for 2022:
 - Go to: <https://www.edgewater.school.nz>
 - Look at the top right corner of the page and click on Portal and sign in using your Portal Username and Password.



If you have forgotten your portal login information email portal@edgewater.school.nz

I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT AND NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY. WHAT DO I DO?

Please bring a note of explanation from your parent/caregiver to the school office before school. The office will then issue you with an Exit Pass which you show to your Teacher during the period you need to leave in. As you leave school for your appointment you must sign out at the school office and hand in the exit pass.

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