



Bream Bay College

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

What a brilliant two weeks. Our students' attitudes and approach to their schooling has matched the fantastic weather.

Our Swimming Sports on Friday 17th were a great success. Such was the level of participation that we had to complete the event on Monday, period 5. Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch and help. Congratulations to all the swimmers and to the staff team that made this day such a great event. We look forward to seeing you all again at the Athletics Sports. We will report on the champions and records in our next newsletter.

Our year 13 numbers have crept back up to 30 students. Twenty one of these students went on the year 13 leadership camp. "What a great bunch of students" was the unanimous opinion of all the staff who attended. We have a very good group of students as role models at the top of our school.

Please remember our push on **academic urgency** this year. As part of this we will be insisting on all students having a proper school bag to bring their gear to school and carry textbooks to and from school for homework. Little purse type bags will not be allowed. We appreciate that there were possibly one or two students who kept full sets of school notes and brought their gear to school in these fashion sized bags. Unfortunately those one or two will need to change so that we can sort the issues out for the other fifty or so students who were not so organised. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Our first PTA (Parent Teacher Association) meeting was well attended. The next meeting will be on the 8th of March at 7.30pm. Mr Brian Weir will talk to the parents about the technologies and show all who attend through the Technical area. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.



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Highland Dancing at its Best

During the Christmas break Brittany Couper and Abby McLean competed at the Turakina Highland Games just out of Marton. Abby & Brittany are Year 7 & 8 students at Bream Bay College.

Congratulations to Brittany who was runner up in the intermediate section and Abby was also runner up in the premier grade, as well as beating the world U15 champion in the nationals.

Pedalling from Cape Reinga to Bluff



During the Christmas holidays Karl Andrews and his Dad Larry and Larry's mate Harley Underwood cycled from Cape Reinga to Bluff to celebrate Larry and Harley turning 50! They cycled approximately 100 kms a day, taking 23 riding days to get from Cape Reinga to Bluff, via the scenic west coast of the South Island. It was an awesome ride, with plenty of good hills and lots of nice scenery.

Speed Kills Kids Programme

Not keeping to the speed limits around a school is going to be a costly experience in 2006. Did you know that the most vulnerable age group for a child hit by a car casualties is between eleven and fifteen years. Further that a child hit at 60km/hr



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has a 15% chance of survival while a child hit at 50km/hr has 55% chance of survival? Kids are precious and often act spontaneously. Thank you to all parents and community members for slowing down around the local schools.

Yr 13 Leadership Camp



On the 13th and 14th of February the year13 pupils visited the Peak Adventures camp on the Caves Road in Waipu for a Leadership course. The purpose of the camp was for students to develop leadership skills and personal and social skills through the participation in adventure based learning activities.

All the pupils took part in climbing, caving and a number of co operative games, trust and problem solving activities.



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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Term 1: 7th February to 13th April

February

- 16 Whanau Support Meeting - 5.30pm in Whare, all parents welcome
- 17 School Swimming Sports - 9am -3.20pm, all welcome
- 20 Yr11 NCEA Parents' Evening - 7pm, Auditorium
- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 23-25 Peer Mediation Training Camp - departs 4pm

March

- 1 BBQ for -Yr 12&13 parents & students - 6pm, CAFÉ Courtyard
- 2 School Athletics Day - 9am - 3.20pm, all welcome
- 8 PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in Staffroom, all parents welcome
- 15 Northland Athletics - Whangarei
- 16 Yr9 Bay of Islands Trip
- 18-19 World Vision 40 hour Famine weekend
- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Progress reports issued
Rugby 7's - Whangarei
Whanau Support Meeting, 5.30pm in Whare, all parents welcome
- 24 Yr 7&8 Mediation Training
- 29 Parent/Student Report evening - 4pm-8pm