



Bream Bay College

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Newsletter Information: 2nd February 2006

From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

The year has started off smoothly thanks to the work put in by all teachers, support staff and the senior managers in the weeks preceding the 7th of February. Almost all students have settled to work quickly. Term 1 is set to be a very busy term. Thank you to all the parents who ensured that their son / daughters turned up to school ready to work. The deans are making it a priority to see that the few students who do not have gear to work with are sorted as soon as possible. We appreciate that the beginning of the school year is an expensive time. Please contact Mrs Gardner if there are any issues as we will help in the short term to ensure that students are not disadvantaged.

The College swimming sports will be held on Friday 17th of February starting at 9.00am. Parents and supporters are invited to attend. We would welcome help from any parents who wish to assist by using a stop watch. Please send a note to Ms Kidd or talk to her on the day. All students are expected to attend and we look forward to high participation rates as in previous years.

The College athletics sports day is on Thursday 2nd of March starting at 9.00am. All students are expected to enter at least two events. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. Parents and supporters are welcome. We look forward to another very successful event. We hope that their will be enough supporters here at the end of the day so that the staff vs prefects vs parents vs ex pupils relay race can take place. See you there.

Year 13 students are very important to schools. A group of senior students doing the right thing, working as a team and contributing at all opportunities makes the year run smoothly. Our year 13 students are on their leadership camp on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th of February. We look forward to working with them and cementing them as a team.

ID photos have been taken over the first week of term. Students can bring \$3 to school to pay for an ID card that they can use to show they are a student for the movies etc. ID cards printed during the year will cost \$5 each.

Bream Bay College was fortunate to gain access to having a doctor attend the school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Students are offered free consultations. Many students have taken advantage of the service in 2005 and our students are healthier as a result. We appreciate that this means that a student can see a doctor without their parent's knowledge and this point alone often generates discussion. The doctor is bound by the "Doctors code of Ethics" and acts accordingly. Please do not hesitate to talk to the school or a board member if you have a concern.

The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is in its 5th year now. It is important that parents have a clear understanding of how the NCEA system works and how they can help their son / daughters. On Monday 20th of February at 7.00pm, there will be a parent information evening in the auditorium to explain how NCEA works and how you can help. We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.



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Training will take place for our senior mediators at camp to be held from Tuesday 23rd of February through to Saturday 25th of February. Details will be sent home with the students.

We wish to invite all year 12 and 13 students along with their parents to a BBQ on Wednesday 1st of March at 6.00pm in the CAFÉ courtyard. This is an opportunity to meet your son / daughters teachers and generally catch up on what is happening for them at school. Individual invitations and further details will be sent home with our students.

New Staff for 2006



Welcome on board to Eilean Rawson (Geography, English & Food Technology), Sean O'Connor (Enterprise & French), Stevie Ryland (Assistant to HOD Technology), Brenda Rudolph (English), Malcolm Bignell (Physics & Electronics) and Ann Ruxton absent (Yr 7&8 Homeroom Teacher).



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JEREMY McLEOD – A TOP ACHIEVER IN THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD

Jeremy McLeod, a local lad from Waipu, and a former student of Waipu Primary and Dux and deputy head boy of Bream Bay College in 1996 has excelled in his tertiary studies completing a Bachelor of Engineering, a Masters degree with first class honours at Massey University and began work on a PHD in chemical process engineering in 2004.

In 2005 Jeremy took out a top prize in a young scientists' competition, coming runner up in the agriculture, forestry and fishing category of the MacDiarmid Young Scientists of the Year Awards because of his research into lactose-based products.

His travels have taken him to Glasgow, Adelaide and Christchurch, presenting papers at the World Engineers Conference on his research.

Jeremy will complete his PHD in April this year and has been offered a position at Fonterra in the area of Research & Development.

This is yet another example of a well-rounded Bream Bay College student being a success in their chosen field.

Gateway

The new year is upon us, which means, we will have many motivated senior students ready to start or continue exploring career options. The Gateway programme is specifically designed for senior students to undertake career interviews/investigations to develop and create a plan of action for the year that will support these findings. By working with the student, parent/whanau, teachers and identified industry/employers, a programme of work experience is developed which supports the students' school programme and helps to define and work towards their specific career choice/s. Students are placed in suitable work experience either during school time, after school or holidays on a regular or one-off placement to develop understandings and skills related to their career choice. Students are required to earn at least 10 credits (which can be part of their school programme) as part of their placement, and specific industry/job units will be accessed where possible and assessment made within the workplace. For really motivated students, extra credits can be obtained during the year to go towards their NCEA totals such as First Aid Units, Driving Units, and more specific Industry related Units.

We are always on the look out for quality employers and businesses to provide work experience for our students. If you are searching for a future apprentice, assistant, trainee, this is the BEST way to meet and assess that person. The student comes in at regular times for a specific period to your business and is treated as an 'employee'. They are unpaid but have the rights and responsibilities of any other employee, are provided with all equipment necessary (by the school) and have the opportunity to gain skills, understandings and perhaps even an after school job while on their placement.

If you are interested in supporting this really positive programme, please contact Gina D'Ath – Gateway on 4328226 ext 722 or email me on gdath@breambaycollege.school.nz



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Adult Community Education

We are fortunate enough to have funding for one more year. Woodwork and Yoga classes are already up and running. Bookings are made via myself or directly with the tutor. Contact me for more details.

We have many ideas for possible future classes and are interested to hear from people who would like to attend these types of classes (they would be held later in the year):

Painting with talented local artist Richard Robinson

Piano/Keyboards with local musician Val Needham

Computers (tutor yet to be confirmed) and please identify what type of computing you would like to do (e.g. beginner, intermediate, advanced, specific programmes, internet etc)

Parenting classes in association with the local schools, Plunket and Bream Bay Community Support Trust.

Photography

Spin Cycling with Ian Bunting.

You can contact me on 4328226 ext 722 or email me: gdath@breambaycollege.school.nz with your name, phone number and information on what you would be interested in attending in the future.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Term 1: 7th February to 13th April

February

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| 7 | Yr 7,8 & 13 students
Stationery sales all week in Library
ID Photos |
| 8 | All school start
Whole school Powhiri – 9am, Auditorium – All welcome |
| 13-14 | Year 13 Leadership Camp – Waipu Caves |
| 15 | PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in Staffroom, all parents welcome |
| 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

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| 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 |



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- 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