



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

The holidays are nearly over. We hope all of our students have had a good break and are ready to put all their efforts back into learning.

The mid year reports are currently being processed. A hard copy will be sent home on Friday 1st August with a booking appointment sheet. The report discussion day is Wednesday 6th August from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Please get your son / daughter to make an appointment with their teachers. We look forward to seeing you there. An electronic copy of reports will be emailed to all parents, via the school email, the day after students are given a hard copy. Parents and students can look online at their report as it is constructed via PCSchool spider. If you have not received an electronic copy of your son/daughter's report please ring Beverley Webb, on extension 703, and leave your email address details with her.

There has been a lot happening in the background on the buildings front. Three different projects have been to tender and the tenders have been let. Work has started on the replacement of the Caretaker's Garage and should start on the Whare / Swimming Pool Carpark in the last week of the holidays. The Caretaker's House roof is waiting in fine weather. We are close to accepting a tender for the refurbishment of 9 classrooms and the Resource Room in the Library Science block. The big one of course is the tender for the Performing Arts Block which closed on Friday 11th of July.

It is good to see most students in the new uniform. The Deputy Principals have talked to the students at assembly about the expectations around uniform and what needs to happen if they are to be out of uniform. The college in the first instant will try and provide a loan uniform item. If none is available a uniform pass will be issued for a short time. Please assist us by making sure that your son/daughter has the correct uniform and that they leave home wearing it or bring a note to explain any variance.

The 2008 enrolments process has started. The college will visit the local primary schools to give out enrolment information. Our aim is to enrol all students in the Bream Bay area. Please feel free to make an appointment to tour the College and talk to the Principal by ringing Mrs Webb on 4328226 extn 703. With your children and cooperation the College will continue to be above the national averages in all areas and provide all of its students with a modern education.



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Bream Bay to Dunedin; One Student's Remarkable Journey

The following article has been emailed to Bream Bay College courtesy of Mike Wilson, Head of Schools' Liaison, Marketing & Communications, University of Otago. Please read on and enjoy the journey that Teriana has chosen to take.



It's a long way to Dunedin from Bream Bay, but it's a journey that former Head Girl Teriana Maheno was eager to make.

So eager, in fact, that she turned down a scholarship from Auckland University just to be at Otago.

Never having been to the South Island city before, the 18-year-old Health Sciences major just "jumped in the deep end" and arrived not knowing anybody. Fortunately, she had a ready-made home waiting for her at Selwyn College, one of the 13 residential colleges on the compact Otago campus.

"Selwyn is amazing. There's so much history there that you already feel a part of something. And when you are so far from your own family, it's important to have a close-knit environment."

Academically, Teriana - always a top student - has found it surprisingly hard going.

"But then, I need to be challenged. Nobody is saying I have to go to class today; you really have to be motivated to do well. I think many people come down here with misconceptions about Otago being one big party. It's not; it's a lot of work."

However, if Otago has high expectations of its students, it also provides strong academic support services with tutorials offered at its residential colleges, through the various departments, and also at the Maori and Pacific Island Centres.



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Teriana was a recipient of a \$10,000 Maori and Pacific Island Entrance Scholarship from the University of Otago and speaks highly of the people and support she's found at the University's Maori Centre. Through the Centre she has benefited from Health Science tutorials and the mentoring of a Maori third-year Med student.

A few months into her university experience, this talented young woman from Bream Bay has found a new place to call home.

"During the first few weeks I really wanted to go home; now, you'd have to drag me kicking and screaming."

Accounting Training



Members of the Year 12 Accounting class have just completed a course funded by Gateway Advance Training Systems in Whangarei. With tutor Steve Detlaff the class achieved a 100% pass in two Level 3 Accounting Standards which allowed them to apply the NCEA accounting theory to computerised systems.

Michelle O'Brien and Tessa Hall looking on inquisitively with Tashinga Chanyau working away in the background

2 New Prefects for 2008



Congratulations to year 13 students Dominic Wells and Skye Turanga who have been named as Prefects for 2008. Dom, from the UK, and Skye, from Australia, are new to Bream Bay College arriving at the beginning of the year.



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Fun on the Astro Turf



The Astro Turf has proved to be a hit and it is like a magnet to students at lunchtime. It is being used widely for all types of sport and we are looking forward to seeing this continue in T3.

Yr 7&8 Claymation

The Year 7&8 students are enjoying elective classes on Fridays during P5 where they choose from a choice of subjects to interact in and experience. Claymation is one of these electives which is proving to be very popular.



Gateway Placement 'Fix your own Car'



This term, Gateway Coordinator, Debbie Stone, has taken the bull by the horns and placed many of our students in Gateway placements.

'Fix your own car' was just one of the 'hands-on' workshops that gave several of our senior girls the opportunity to muck in and get their hands dirty.



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Swimming championships - Fiji - Fun in the sun for 3 Bream Bay College Students

Three BBC students competed at the Fiji Long Course National Swimming Championships in May. Congratulations to:- Alex Birchall 2 gold medals, 2 silver and 3 bronze, 5 PB's & broke 3 records. Andrew McNamara 3 PB's. Haylee Jensen 5 gold, 3 silver 2 PB's and broke 6 records.



UP AND COMING EVENTS - Term 3 -21 July -26 September 2008

July

- 22-29 - Higashi Senior High School visit
- 22 BOT Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Science Fair open evening - 6.30pm-8pm
- 30 PTA Meeting, 7.30pm

August

- 1 Reports issued with interview appointment sheets
Yr 7&8 Peace Week Training
- 2 Peace Week
- 6 Parent/Student Report Day - 10am-6pm -School closed for tuition
- 7 Career Expo/University visits Auckland ASB Showgrounds
- 8 Mufti Day
- 11 Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week
- 12 Future Planning night - Auditorium
7pm- Junior Diploma/Option Choice evening
- 15 Mathex - All welcome
Principal and Deans to Waipu Primary with Head Prefects
- 18-21 Education Review Office visit



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- 19 BOT Meeting, 7pm
- 22 Te Tuinga Matinee performance 11am
- 22 Te Tuinga evening performance 7pm
- 26 Principal and Deans to One Tree Point Primary with Head Prefects
- 26-29 Yr 7&8 Camp to Shakespear Lodge
- 27 PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
- 28 Principal and Deans to Ruakaka Primary with Head Prefects

September

- 1-5 Tournament Week
Gateway Work Experience Week
- 2-5 Yr 7&8 Camp to Shakespear Lodge
- 7 Mana Tu Day
- 10 PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
- 15 Ski Trip - NCEA Level 1,2,&3
- 16 BOT Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Mufti Day/School Social
- 24 Music Night
- 26 Term 3 ends

UP & COMING SPORTING EVENTS

July

- 25 NSSS Squash Tournament
- 28 Junior House Volleyball
- 30 Senior NSSS Badminton Tournament

August

- 5 'Get to Go' OPC Challenge
- 6 Greenwood Shield - Hockey North Harbour
Clay Target, Dargaville
- 13 Netball Tournament - Seniors