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## **BREAM BAY COLLEGE IS HOSTING THE 2007 TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**



**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE  
Students/Whanau & the Community  
TO COME ALONG  
AND ENJOY THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR  
KAPAHAKA ROOPU  
'TE WHANGA A TAMURE'  
AND THOSE OF THE TAI TOKERAU AREA**

**FOOD AND PROMOTIONAL STALLS  
ARE AVAILABLE**

**TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL  
POWHIRI – 10AM  
AT THE GYMNASIUM**

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
1<sup>st</sup> PERFORMANCE 9am  
AT THE GYMNASIUM**

### **Parents/Caregivers please note**

There will be no classes for students over these 2 days.  
Students who attend school on Monday will be marked present for  
Tuesday and Wednesday.



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## Bringwonder the Storyteller BRINGS WONDER



On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March our Year 7&8s and Year 9&10s were treated to a visit from Bringwonder the Storyteller, a.k.a. Derek Gordon as part of our Library Week opening. Our students sat spell bound by the amazing power, dramatic presentation and interactive audience involvement of this full-time storyteller.

Bringwonder reminded us of the importance of “imagination” as he dove into the winedark sea of Odysseus and the Greek and Roman gods. Characters came to life before our eyes and we were reminded how when we speak from our hearts, magical transformations take place. We remembered what it is like to be warm, kind and human. For a few hours that day our hearts sang as one in the presence of a truly masterful storyteller.

So impressed was Bringwonder with our audience and his Bream Bay College experience that he offered to come back for free.

## Library Opening



Mark McCullum, son of Ray McCullum, addressing the Yr 7&8 students at the Library Opening on March 21<sup>st</sup>



Our Kaumatua, Paraire Pirihi, unveils the Ray McCullum plaque for the opening of the stunning refurbished BBC Library.



Barbara Pengelly, the new HOD English, shows her Te Reo skills at the Library Opening on 21<sup>st</sup> March.



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## 2007 Peer Mediation Team



The Peer Mediation Group travelled to Matapouri for a weekend of learning more about each other and the mediation process. 14 students from Years 10-13, Mr. Davison and Clare Stanbridge worked together to build a team ready to support Bream Bay College students with issues they may have. Peer Mediation is about helping students to solve their own problems. This was a surprise to the new mediators, as it's not about giving personal advice but using questions to find a solution that both conflicting parties agree on. Fun times were had with an unusual pot-luck dinner with creative combinations like Rory Taylor's Corn, Sausage and Tuna Noodle Surprise; early morning swims, balloon sumo wrestling and more. It is a great start to the year and we hope the students of our school will use our mediation team.

## Tongariro Trip



Over March 17 – 19, the Year 12 Geography students, accompanied by Mr Hansen and Mrs Nicholas, went on a 3 day fieldtrip to Tongariro National Park as part of their study of a natural landscape in New Zealand.

The trip involved visiting the DOC Centre at Whakapapa, and various sites on Mt Ruapehu. Sunday night saw us in Turangi for a fish and chips dinner, followed by a swim in the Tokaanu Thermal Pools. On the return trip, stops were made at Taupo bungy site, and Huka Falls for the benefit of the overseas students in the group. The purpose of the trip was to reinforce material learnt in class that will later be assessed in the NCEA exams.

The highlight of the trip was being caught up in the excitement of the lahar that occurred while we were staying on Mt Ruapehu. The plan had

been to drive around the National Park that day, but we could only get as far as Ohakune before being told that the road was closed. All eyes were on the television news that night at our lodge so as to see what had happened.



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## Athletics at Dargaville - BBC breaks 2 records



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March a group of over 40 pupils travelled to Dargaville for the annual zonal athletics Championships.

The sub junior girls shone throughout the day and were placed in the top 3 in every event that was run. Year 7 pupil Arnica Palmer set 2 new records in the 800m and 1500m events. Leah McDonald was also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the shot put and Emily Porter first in the triple jump. Also placed first in the Junior Girls triple jump was Rochelle Cox. In the Intermediate girls division Pania Whare was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the javelin and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the discus. The sub junior boys came very close to the girls in the number of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places gained (8 in total). Nicholas Stobart won the 100m sprint, Tim Mulloy won the discus and Jordan Cox the long jump. In the junior boys event Craig Gillingham was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the triple jump. The senior boys saw Dylan Lynch win the 200m and Brook Gilmore clearly win the high jump.

Many thanks to Dargaville High School for hosting the competition, and to those parents that also attended to support their pupils.

Overall the college got 13 first places, 19 second places and 22 thirds. Congratulations team.



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## Climate schools 2007

The Climate Schools project for year 11 participants kicks off on the 21.03.07 with Michelle Parson-Sims of Waipu overseeing the project. Again Bream Bay is piloting another module for the Australian University. The success of last years' Climate Schools trials has seen it being offered in the Y7 and 8 program in 2007.

## UP AND COMING EVENTS

### 2007 Term Dates

Term 1	Wednesday 7 February	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	Monday 23 April	Friday 29 June
Term 3	Monday 16 July	Friday 21 September
Term 4	Monday 8 <sup>t</sup> October	Friday 14 December

## April

- 3&4 ***TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL*** (School closed for tuition)
- 4 PTA Meeting – 7.30pm – BBC Staffroom
- 5 Jumbo Health Day – Respect/Relationships
- 5 Last day of term