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## From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

The school holidays are nearly upon us. For secondary and primary schools the holidays start on Good Friday. Secondary students return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of May while primary school students return to school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

Thank you to the parents who came along to report night. I hope you found the evening informative and that any issues that have arisen were sorted. Please remember that the Deans welcome contact at any time to follow up on students in their year levels. As part of our push to address 'Academic Urgency' we identified all students with 2 or more subjects with an unsatisfactory in the work habits section of their subject report and also all students who should be commended for overall excellence. Students with 2 or more unsatisfactory subjects were given guidance by Tania Petrove who was employed specially for the week to do this. Commended students are being sent a letter of commendation. The number of students, at the different levels, in the different categories makes interesting reading.

Year level	3 or more subjects of concern	Number in year level	%	Number with Commendations	%
7	4	80	5%	23	29%
8	9	80	11%	8	10%
9	15	79	19%	6	8%
10	23	92	25%	17	18%
11	2	67	3%	10	5%
12	6	63	10%	5	8%
13	4	29	14%	4	14%
Whole School	63	490	13%	73	15%

We will continue our school wide push on academic urgency and will bring Tania back in for a week each term to follow up on students of concern.

It is always disappointing when the College's behaviour modification systems do not have the required effect and we are left with little option but to have a student removed from the college for a period of time. Recently 4 year 10 boys were stood down for 5 days. For students who refuse to learn from their mistakes or take ownership of their actions we will continue to use a punitive system. I hope that the need does not arise again this year.

The first social for the year takes place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of April. We will not be allowing students who do not attend the College at this social unless prior permission has been gained from Mr Bayer. Parents - can you please drop your son's/daughter's off and make sure that they go into the social. We are aware of instances where students have left to walk to the social and have gone to other



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places. We look forward to another evening where our students have a great time in a friendly relaxed well supervised environment.

The College was treated to a performance by the 'Battalion Theatre Group' on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of March. It was a moving and stirring performance that looked at the plight of our young from the time of the Second World War through to current times. We hope that our students learned from the experience along with enjoying an outstanding performance.

Our Kapahaka Roopu will take part in the Tai Tokerau Festival on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of April at Otamatea High School. They have been practicing throughout the term under the instruction of Alisha Paikea. Please feel free to come and see them perform prior to the Festival at their dress rehearsal on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of April at 11.00 am in the auditorium. Bream Bay College was due to host the Tai Tokerau Festival in 2009 but due to unforeseen circumstances at the proposed 2007 host school we have been offered the Festival for 2007. The decision on whether to host the Festival next year will be made at a Hui on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of April at 6.00pm in the Auditorium.

I am disappointed to report that Bream Bay College was yellow carded by the Sport Northland for having to withdraw a team at the last minute. We have been having a problem getting permission slips and payments from students by the day before the trip is due to be out of the school. Previously when we have waited to make the decision on the day we have not had a full compliment of players turn up and often we are left to pay the entry fee and travel fee for the defaulters. Any student who has financial difficulty can talk to Mrs Gardner and probably receive some short term assistance. Lets hope that we do not get red carded due to the poor actions of students. Please help by ensuring that money and permission forms are received by the due date on the trip form.

## **Mr Bayer and Mrs Lomas practice their kayak skills with a group of Year 10 students**

Yr10 Goat Island Outdoor Education Day at its best!

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we bussed 62 Year 10 students down to Goat Island for a day of aquatic-based activities; snorkelling with Miss Kidd and Miss Martin, kayaking with Mr Bayer and Mrs Lomas, glass-bottom boat touring and walking with Mrs Chapman.

Although we headed off into storm clouds over the Brynderwyns, the sun broke through over Goat Island and shone brightly, over our EOTC day. We trialled separate boys and girls' groups, and this was very successful. All students spoken to thoroughly enjoyed their day and felt they had really got their \$30 worth from the day.





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It was an absolute pleasure to participate in such a day with highly competent staff and a group of enthusiastic students enjoying themselves.

Mark Bayer

Packing up the kayaks before heading home



## Relay for Life

2006 saw us enter our first team for the “Relay for Life,” a 24 hour team relay to raise funds for the Cancer Society of NZ. We had a fantastic group this year comprised of Jared Gravatt, Teriana Maheno, Annemarie Dalebrook, Graeme Crawford, Angela Buckland, Courtney Hayward, Sandra Cullen and Rowan McGregor. The event was extremely popular with about 60 teams entering and it was great to see such community support for an excellent cause such as this. Unfortunately the weather wasn't with us and it began raining before the event even had a chance to start. The rain came down swift and strong all day and night, but despite the wet weather the whole team managed to keep their spirits up – even long enough to belt out a few lines of Britney Spears at 1am Sunday morning. However, when 2am rolled around and our 4 man tent started leaking with the 9 of us packed in there, it was evident that the rain was becoming a real hazard. By the time it reached 6am half the team were bailing out our seriously leaking tent with any spare coffee mugs and so it came as no surprise when the organisers called the event off. Although disappointing that we never managed to finish our 24 hours I think we were all just happy to go home to a hot shower and a warm bed. Our team alone managed to walk 250km which was a feat considering the conditions, and raise money for cancer research, prevention and early detection, an effort we hope to improve on for next year's relay. By Rochelle Cleary- Year 11 student.

## Spirit of Adventure Teams Voyage 2006



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Bream Bay College has won a berth for a Year 10 Mixed Gender team (5 girls, 5 boys). Ms Chapman will be the teacher accompanying the group. Any student wishing to be part of this must apply to Mrs Chapman as soon as possible, have \$350 and be able to swim 100 metres. The sailing is from 31<sup>st</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August and leaves from Auckland.

## Year 9 Social Studies Trip to the Bay of Islands



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Year 9 students spent the day in the Bay of Islands on a Social Studies field trip. Students had just finished their study on the Treaty of Waitangi, and the fieldtrip provided an opportunity for them to visit the places that they had been talking about and to enhance their knowledge about people and places associated with that era.

At the Treaty House, students followed the path of Governor Hobson and sat down by the flagpole erected on the spot where the Treaty was signed. This was followed by a walk through the Treaty House.

A quick ferry trip across the bay took the group to Russell. The students were split into two groups; while one group watched the AV presentation at the DOC centre, the other group visited the historic church. Mr Hansen was able to describe the battle that was fought there in 1844, and point out the bullet holes in the walls. Students were also provided with a brief description of the history of the



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church and shown the graves of famous people such as Tamiti Waka NeneHere and Hannah King Letheridge (the first European girl born in New Zealand).

On the return trip to Ruakaka, the students were taken to Ruapekapeka Pa, the site of the last battle between Maori and British forces in Northland.

## UP AND COMING EVENTS

### SCHOOL TERMS 2006

Term 1	7 Feb – 13 April
Term 2	1 May – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 Oct – 14 December