



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and the wide range of achievements of our students continues to impress. The senior prizegiving ran smoothly, to time and has been positively reported on by all who attended. Bream Bay is producing outstanding young adults. We look forward to following their successes in the future. Our juniors had an opportunity to see and hear about good role models and we look forward to them aspiring to achieve in a similar way.



For the last 5 years, Bream Bay College has been in the final of the Whangarei South Rotary - Jack Richards Year 9 and 10 debating competition. We were placed second this year to Rodney College but Demi Mitchell was award the trophy for Speaker of the night.

The College has become increasingly concerned with a small group of junior students whose behaviour in the playground has been impacting on others. The Deputy Principals and Deans in charge of the juniors have been withdrawing students from breaks and working to solve the situation. If you are aware of concerns for your child while they are on breaks please contact Mr Bayer or Mr Hansen who will follow up themselves or have the deans deal with the issue. A quick note or a phone call would be appreciated. We will not let a few students spoil these times for the rest of the school.

It has been a while since the Board of Trustee Discipline Committee has had to meet. It is disappointing that this has had to happen. The breaking of our drugs contract is an "out-of-our -control" occurrence. The second case of continual disobedience is the result of one of the most frustrating situations the College has found itself in. The child concerned has high and special needs. These are well known. The Resourcing for children in this situation is held by the Ministry of Education Group Special Education (GSE). GSE say they have no money so they have withdrawn their support. Without the extra support the child has self destructed. Without the \$17,000 of teacher aide support per year, the child has been thrown on the scrap heap. If it were a matter of a Ministry of Education owned building falling down, the money would be



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found. We understand that the last child in this situation, who was excluded from the College 6 years ago, is set to do his first year in prison. It is highly likely that the country will continue to pay \$120,000 per year to keep him in prison for many years to come. It makes no sense. With GSE support, the child would still be at school and functioning in a way that did not put others at risk. The parents want this, the College wants this but the system prevents it from happening. Next you will see the MOE or the Government talking about how schools need to improve their statistics in regards to underachievers, in particular Maori students. Well here is one student, that is definitely one of those underachievers referred to often, who is in this situation because of the MOE's lack of funding and the government lack of Resourcing. Is it the child's fault, his condition is beyond his control, or the systems fault? It is interesting to ponder who should be doing his jail time in 6 or 7 years if this is where he winds up. We are pursuing this matter with the Ministry of Education.

Gateway Update 2007



Thanks to Tanya Petrove who did a great job while I was away on maternity leave. We have had approximately 40 students in various Gateway work experience placements this year and some of the highlights are:- Wairere Thomas and Petrice Cooper at Celtic Curls Salon with Kerry Haver and Lyn Isherwood. A huge thank you to these ladies for providing such an awesome Gateway placement. Both girls gained various hairdressing

unit standards and really enjoyed their experiences. Also Gary Smyth and Karl Andrews at Dive HQ in Whangarei; Gary having secured a full time position there next year. The Gateway programme would be nothing without the great support we have had from the local businesses and Whangarei who provide awesome learning/work experiences. Thank you again. In collaboration with our STAR programme students have also completed various courses either as part of their Gateway programme or through the school STAR (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resourcing) towards their various career goals. We look forward to the continued support from local businesses/industry for our Gateway Programme next year. If you



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would like more information please contact Gina D'Ath - Gateway Coordinator 09 4328226 ext: 722.

Top Prize Winners

Congratulations to the nominees of the Waipu Lions Citizenship Cup Award - Rory Taylor, Teriana Maheno, Jared Gravatt, Nicola Cowan, Samantha Bucknell & Stephen Abercrombie.

Teriana Maheno was awarded the winner of the Waipu Lions Citizenship Award as well as Dux of Bream Bay College, a George Watt Grant Award recipient and has received the University Of Auckland Chancellor's Award for Top Maori & Pacific Scholar to the value of \$35,000.

Rory Taylor took out the prestigious Dr McBirney Memorial Award as well as a \$3,000 inaugural Allens Education Foundation Award and a George Watt Grant Award.

Congratulations to Stephen Abercrombie was also a recipient of the George Watt Grant Award.

Jared Gravatt was award the KT Integrity Award and a new award the Reid Trophy for the greatest contribution to the Health and Well being of students.

Nikki Cowan was awarded the \$1,000 Whangarei District Council Award.



Year 7&8 Market Day





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The Year 7&8 Market Day was a culmination of students completing business plans and marketing, manufacturing and retailing their wares. Most students chose the food business producing toffee, chocolate, baking and hearty fare such as mussel fritter and seafood chowder. The many games and competitions were popular amongst those students who wanted fun for their money. The highly successful lip gloss venture has seen students continue to take orders even after the event! Students learnt valuable skills in economics which will benefit them in their future lives whether it be as successful business entrepreneurs or simply to be able to manage their day to day finances. Congratulations to all the students and also thank you to the parents and whanau who supported their children in this venture.

Year 7&8 Tennis



On Tuesday 13th November a Year 7 and 8 Tennis Tournament was held in Whangarei. 11 students represented Bream Bay College and the weather was on their side with lots of sunshine creating the setting for a great day. The students were all full of confidence and were keen to get playing. With at least 50 students rearing to go it was going to be a full day with most of our students playing three to four games. Special mention must be made of Mackay Crawley and

Marama Morunga who won three out of four games; Jarin Nathan who won two out of four games and to Mark McClure who won two out of four games. Well done Bream Bay students; it was a great day had by all.



BMX Success for Derek Elmes

On Saturday 3rd November Derek Elmes competed in a BMX competition held in Whangarei and achieved an outstanding result. Derek rode against 2 riders who



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held second and fifth ranking in the world. In the first moto (race) he was second, in moto 2 and 3 and he was placed first. In moto 4 the world 2nd ranked rider took him out and he got up and finished the race in 3rd place. In the last race he won easily which gave him first place overall. Derek has been invited to race at Rotorua on the weekend but had to decline as exams are too close to lose two study days. Congratulations to Derek for such a great achievement.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

2007 Term 4 Dates - 8th October - 14th December

- 22 Whanau Support Meeting
- 23 Yr 5 Taster Day/Yr6 Orientation Day

December

- 1 Bream Bay Dance Extravaganza
- 6-10 Yr 9 Wellington Trip departs
- 5 PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
- NZQA Exams finish
- Senior reports issued
- 7 Electives Day 1
- 10 Electives Day 2
- 11 Yr 7&8 Blues Assembly - 2.20pm
- 13 Junior Prizegiving - 10.45am start
- Buses depart Bream Bay College 1pm
- Term 4 ends