



# Bream Bay College

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From the Deputy Principal's Mark Bayer, Eric Hansen & Ginny Gardner

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

## **Vandalism and Tagging**

Bream Bay College takes considerable pride in its ground and buildings. In order to keep our grounds in top condition we have purchased several new video cameras to monitor corridors, lockers, Café, Gymnasium and school grounds.

## **Visitors to the College**

All visitors to the school must first report to the front office to sign in regardless of the reason for visiting. Failure to do so will result in prosecution and the College is having its signage redone to reflect this message. The safety of our students is paramount.

## **End of Year Examinations**

As October draws to a close, students are quickly coming towards the 'crunch' academic time of the year. Students need to start planning their study programmes, and parents need to be aware of what they can do to assist in successful revision.

## **NCEA Examinations**

All Year 11 - 13 students are entered in NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement). Almost all of these students will have had examinations that commenced on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. The results of these exams are important. Together with the results from internally assessed standards, the examination results will determine the subjects that can be taken next year and the level that they can be studied. For those completing secondary school education at the end of the year, the results gained this year will stay with them for life. These results will always be their highest qualification gained while at school. As such, the results will determine acceptance into university and polytechnic courses, and could be used in applying for jobs in the workforce.

By the time this newsletter is published, school practice examinations will have been completed and students will have been given their results. There will be just over 3 weeks before NCEA commences. This is the time where students need to have started their programmes of intensive revision.



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## Year 9 and 10 Examinations

These will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Year 10 students will have 2 hour exams in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Year 9 students will have a series of 1 hour assessments in their various subjects.

These exams serve several purposes. Year 10 students will sit all their exams in the Auditorium under normal exam conditions. This will provide them with an indication of what it will be like a year later when they sit NCEA. While students have chosen their options for next year, the results may determine final entry into the subjects in 2008. The exams provide the last opportunity for students to gain the 120 credits required to pass their Junior Diploma.

## Revision

The key to successful revision is in the phrase, 'study smarter not harder'. A carefully planned study programme with plenty of breaks for exercise and fresh air will always produce better results than studying from dawn to dusk. To aid students revising, some tips are listed below:

1. Plan your revision. Use the study planner provided at school. Fill it out, and stick to it. Spend equal time on all subjects.
2. Use past exam papers as a guide to what this year's papers will look like. Use school exam papers, or download papers from the NZQA website at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)
3. Don't study in bright light.
4. Don't study with loud music playing.
5. Drink water and eat plenty of fruit and vegetables.
6. Revise with a pen in your hand. Practice doing activities such as map/diagram drawing, and write summaries of class notes.
7. Revise in pairs or have parents ask you questions. The main aim here is not to find out what you do know, but to find out what you don't know, and then study that information.
8. Ask the teachers for help. Many of the Bream Bay College teachers have already started taking tutorials during lunchtimes and after school. Students need to take advantage of this extra assistance. Even after the NCEA exams start, students can make appointments with teachers to go over any areas that they are concerned about.
9. All students have been provided with a study programme to be filled out.



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The exams will also provide students with an opportunity to improve grades obtained earlier in the year. Many students who have already gained the necessary credits are now looking at the level they can obtain their Junior Diploma. A diploma gained with 50 credits at merit or higher will be awarded at Merit. A diploma gained with 50 or more credits at excellence will be awarded at Excellence. Students who gain 100 credits or more at excellence will join the 100 Plus Club. Students, along with their parents, should be looking at the number of credits they currently have, and be setting targets for the remainder of the year.

## Uniform Review Completed

After considerable consultation with Bream Bay College stakeholders, the Board of Trustees has settled on a smarter and updated version of our uniform. In line with all the Whangarei schools Bream Bay College will now have a crest or a logo on all uniform items. This means that the uniform will only be available at Bethells Uniform Shop, The Strand on Vine in Whangarei. They are happy to accept lay by's and will arrange WINZ quotes. All year 7 and new students must be in the new school uniform at the start of 2008. The College will accept students in the old code uniform until the end of 2008 as long as it is regulation, clean and in good repair.

### Girls:

	<u>Approx costs</u>
White blouse with school crest	\$36.90 - \$39.90
Tartan kick pleat skirt	\$44.90 - \$49.90
Black kick pleat skirt with BBC logo	\$44.90 - \$49.90
Black regulation trousers with logo	\$49.90 - \$54.90 Available 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008
Black regulation shorts with logo	\$44.90 - \$49.90
Red and black polo with school crest	\$31.50 - \$37.50
Red sweatshirt with black high collar and school crest	\$39.50 →
School woollen jersey with crest	\$89.90 →
Red and black rainproof school jacket	\$82.50 →
Black scarf (Not at Bethells) Winter only	\$10
Black cap with BBC logo	\$10
White sport socks (cotton) x 3	\$12.90
Plain all black polishable lace up shoes	\$40 (at Number 1 shoes)
Black roman sandals or slave sandals	\$35

### Boys

	<u>Approx costs</u>
White shirt with school crest	\$37.90 - \$44.90 Available 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008
Red and black polo with school Crest	\$31.50 - \$37.50



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Black regulation trousers with BBC logo	\$61 - \$68.00	Available 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008
Black regulation shorts side tabs with BBC logo	\$35.50 - \$45.50	
Red sweatshirt with black high collar and school crest	\$35.50 →	
School woolen jersey with school crest	\$89.90 →	
Red and black rainproof school jacket	\$82.50 →	
Black cap with BBC logo	\$10	
White socks x3	\$15	
Plain all black polishable lace up shoes	\$40 (Approx at Number 1 shoes)	
Black roman sandals	\$35	

### PE (optional but available)

Red v top with black contrast	\$30
Black sport shorts	\$26.50
Black track pants	\$35



## Confiscated Property

If student's wear incorrect clothing items to school, these can be confiscated. They are held until the end of the day or week depending on the circumstances. Items not collected will be donated to Scavengers. There is a large quantity of clothing due to be donated to Scavengers however parents can view these items on request. Staff cannot be held responsible for non uniform items lost.

## Bream Bay College School Blazers

Do you have a Bream Bay School Blazer at home??? We are offering an amnesty period for anyone who has forgotten to return their blazer to drop it off at the school office or with Beverley Webb anytime from now until the end of the year.



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## Library Book Amnesty

If you have any Bream Bay College library books at home please feel free to drop them off at the school office anytime. Remember to check under beds, in wardrobes or even amongst your own books at home.

## Sports

### Tennis

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October Bream Bay College hosted it's annual Tennis Championships. The windy and showery conditions were not ideal for the pupils but the day went smoothly. There were some outstanding performances during the day particularly from Kelsey Power who won the Junior Girls Division and Steven Abercrombie who won the Senior Boys event. It was great to see a number of pupils participating that don't generally play tennis.

### School Tennis Champs

Jnr girls singles - Kelsey Power  
Jnr boys singles - Thomas Mulloy  
Int girls singles - Tania Abercrombie  
Int boys singles - Morgan Maheno  
Sen girls singles - Teriana Maheno  
Sen Boy singles - Stephen Abercrombie

Jnr girls doubles - Kelsey Power & Jessie Cole  
Jnr boys doubles - Mackay Crawley & Kaynan Carter  
Int girls doubles - Tania Abercrombie & Laura McLean  
Int boys doubles - Dustin Morunga & Gilbert Costello  
Sen girls doubles - Tegan Donaldson & Nikki Cowan  
Sen Boy doubles - Stephen Abercrombie & Graeme Crawford



### ASB Sports Awards

The ASB Secondary School Sports Awards are to be held this month in Whangarei. This year Bream Bay College have got six students who have been selected as finalists. Congratulations to Blair Young - Rugby League, Brook Gilmore - Rugby, Nicky Roberts - Karate, Kelsey Power - Tennis, Sheridan Webb - Hockey and Nadya



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Worthy - Cycling. We wish you all the best of luck. The dinner and awards will be held Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

## Swimming

During the last school holiday Bream Bay College had three students who swam in the Bay Of Islands Winter Champs.

Results: Haylee Jensen - 50m breast gold, 200IM 4<sup>th</sup>, 100m breast silver, 100m back silver, 50m free 4<sup>th</sup>, 200m free bronze, 100m free 4<sup>th</sup>, 50m back bronze, 200m back silver, 400m free gold, 50m fly bronze. Haylee had three personal best times.

Justin Beckham: 50m free bronze, 200m free bronze, 50m breast 5<sup>th</sup>, 50m butterfly bronze, 200m breast bronze, 100m free bronze, 50m back 4<sup>th</sup>. Justin had 7 personal best times.

Alex Birchall: 100m back 6<sup>th</sup>, 50m free 5<sup>th</sup>, 400mIM silver, 1500m free silver, 200mIM 6<sup>th</sup>, 100m breast 5<sup>th</sup>, 400m free bronze, 100m fly bronze, 50m fly 5<sup>th</sup>, 200m fly silver, 100 free 5<sup>th</sup>, 200m back 4<sup>th</sup>. Alex had 11 personal best times.

Congratulations to all of you some excellent results.

## Northland Hockey

Two students from Bream Bay College were selected for the Northland Hockey Under 13's Collier Development Squad 2007. Congratulations to Arnica Palmer and Kendyll Peters. As a team they played several lead up games to the McGrath Tournament in Rotorua during the last school holidays. Northland were undefeated in their first four pool games against North Harbour, Canterbury, Tauranga and Central Bay of Plenty. In the final they were playing



Auckland. This was a very tight game with Auckland scoring the one goal in the first half. Northland were unable to reply with the final score 1 - 0 to Auckland.

## NZ U18 Rugby League Maori Team

Congratulations to Blair Young who was selected for the New Zealand Under 18 Rugby League Maori Team. They had two test matches, both against the Australian Indigenous Kangaroos. The first one they played in Rotorua with the New Zealand Maoris winning 47 -16. The second test match in Wellington was a curtain raiser for the Kiwis vs Australia League Test and the Australian Indigenous Kangaroos won that one.



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## Spirit Trophy Mixed Team Event 2008

The Spirit Trophy for Year 10 students was conceived 9 years ago, and demand for placings has well exceeded the availability of berths. This means that we will need to go in a draw for the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2007 to see if our mixed Year 10 team (5 males, 5 females) plus a teacher is successful.

The College is required to send a deposit of \$500 (\$50 per student) which is refunded if we are unsuccessful in our draw. The full cost per student is \$450 each (it is normally \$1,000 per person).

This information is for parents of 2007 Year 9 students in particular so you know about this exciting opportunity for your son or daughter. We will not be selecting our team until we know if we have been successful or not. This avoids unnecessary disappointment. However, parents may talk to their sons/daughters and indicate to me their interest level. A number of students have seen me already in this regard.

## UP AND COMING EVENTS

- 25 Whanau Support Meeting - 5.30pm- Whare
- 26 ASB Sports Awards - Whangarei
- Mufti Day
- Paid Union Meeting - school closed for instruction from 1.30pm

### November

- 1 Music Night
- 7 PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
- Yr 7&8 Market Day
- 9 Mufti Day/School Social
- Bream Bay Sports Awards - 6pm Ruakaka Recreation Centre
- 14 Senior Prizegiving 12noon start
- Leavers Dinner
- Senior reports issued
- 15-16 Yr 9&10 Exams
- 19 NZQA Exams
- 20 BOT Meeting - 7pm
- 22 Whanau Support Meeting
- 23 Yr 5 Taster Day/Yr6 Orientation Day



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## December

- 1 Bream Bay Dance Extravaganza
- 4-8 Yr 9 Wellington Trip departs
- 5 PTA Meeting - 7.30pm  
NZQA Exams finish
- 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 12.30pm  
Term 4 ends