



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Happy New Year to all our readers.

2009 looks set to be another very good year for Bream Bay College. I am pleased to report that the start up has gone smoothly. It is worth noting that by period 4 on the second day that the College was open all students were in class working. Our start date on the 2nd of January was set to allow maximum time for instruction for our NCEA students before they are released for their exams on the 12th of November. The beginning of the year powhiri ran smoothly. We wish to acknowledge Pariare and Hedi Pirihi for their leadership on these occasions.

The College's roll looks to be settling around the 460 mark as expected. Our guaranteed minimum staffing roll is 444. We are still looking to fill the following three teaching positions: Hod Music, Hod Maori and a hard materials technology position. Arrangements have been made so that all students are receiving appropriate instruction while we wait on the advertising appointment process.

Uniform: Bream Bay College Uniform transition period ran its course in 2008. The students look amazing in their new uniforms and we are sure that the pride shown will translate into improved academic results. Parents need to be aware that students are allowed to wear undergarments (singlet or a t shirt) as long as they can not be seen. We look forward to our students getting this last issue sorted.

Swimming Sports - Thursday 5th January. The final statistics were not available at the time of writing this report. By 10.00am 7 records had fallen. Inverness was in the lead and all the students were in great heart. High levels of house support were in evidence with students wearing their house colours with pride and the use of body paint. The atmosphere was relaxed but purposeful and all swimmers were enjoying the support of





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the crowd. The swimming sports are a good barometer and their success reinforces that 2009 looks set to be a very good year.

Buildings Update: Bream Bay College facilities will be the best facilities in Northland by the time the Performing arts block is completed. Students have access to high quality grounds and fields, multi purpose surfaces for tennis, hockey, basketball and netball, a well equipped gymnasium with a rock wall, a top quality swimming pool and surrounds, refurbished art and technology rooms, refurbished general teaching rooms, a new library, outdoor and indoor performance areas for music, dance and drama, state of the art drama, dance and music (2) rooms along with practice rooms.

By the end of term 1 all classrooms should have a mounted projector, a sound system, 4 computer terminals and 8 of the 29" TVs will have been replaced with 37" LCD screens . Our year 7 and 8 classrooms will have 8 computer terminals. It is a firm belief of the Board and the College that you need to provide the students with facilities that show you value learning along with top quality staff if you expect to achieve well above the national averages.



NCEA Parents Meeting - Monday 16th February 7.00pm in the library. Many parents are not sure about the NCEA system. This is your opportunity to find out how it works and how you can support your son/daughter to achieve within it. We look forward to seeing you there. This meeting is suitable for parents of year 10 to 13 students but parents from any level may attend.

Year 12 and 13 BBQ - Wednesday 25th February at 6.00pm in the swimming pool area. We look forward to seeing all our year 12 and 13 students with there parents at this event. Sausages and salad provided. You may bring steak etc if you wish to cook this. This is an opportunity for the senior dean Mr Bayer and senior teachers to meet with parents and discuss what is involved in the programmes your sons/daughters have embarked on.



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Cervical Cancer Prevention & Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine

This term the Public Health Nurse will be starting the process for HPV/Gardisol Vaccines for girls between the ages of 12-18. She will be talking to girls on the Wednesday 18th February and at that meeting an information sheet and decision form will be sent home. This needs to be filled out and returned to Bream Bay College by the 25th February.

There will be 3 series of vaccinations for consented students between March and September 2009.

If there any questions regarding the decision forms please contact the Public Health Nurse, Dee Millen, on 021 735313.

If parents/caregivers would be interested in hearing more about the HPV Vaccine a presentation has been planned at Forum North on the 24th February in the Immunisation Advisory Centre at 7.30pm with Dr. Nicky Turner.

An 0800 466863 number is available for anyone interested in getting the facts on Immunisation and also you can visit www.immune.org.nz

Assistance with Athletics Sports

As you are aware we have our annual Athletics sports on Thursday of week 3, the 19th Feb. In order for the day to run smoothly I need the help of parents or caregivers to assist with either time keeping or recording of field events. The day runs from 9.am through to 3pm and your assistance would be required for the entire day. If you are able to help on Thursday 19th please would you either send a note into school with your son / daughter, leave a message on my voice mail 4328226 ext 817, email me or the office at skidd@breambaycollege.school.nz or admin@breambaycollege.school.nz by Friday 13th Feb at the latest. If you have a preference for either timekeeping or recording of field events please also let me know.

Your help will be very much appreciated by all staff.



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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Term 1 - 2 February - 9th April 2009

February

- 2 Yr 7&8/13 Students at school
- 3 All students attend school
- 4
- 5 ***Swimming Sports - All welcome***
- 6 *Waitangi Day* - school closed for tuition
- 10&11 Leadership Camp - Yr 13 students - Tangihua's
- 11 Yr 9 EOTC with Yr 13's at the Tangihua's
- 11 PTA Meeting - 7.30pm in the Staffroom
- 12 Yr13 Biology trip
- 16 NCEA Parents Meeting Auditorium 7pm
- 17 BOT Meeting 7pm
- 19 ***Athletics Day - All welcome***
- 25 Family Yr 12&13 BBQ - 6pm at the Pool
- 27 Mufti Day

March

- 5 Family Yr 7&8 BBQ - 6pm at the Pool
- 7,8&9 Yr 12 Geography - Tongariro Trip
- 10 Yr 7&8 trip to Takahiwai Marae
- 17 BOT Meeting 7pm
- 19 Whanau Support Hui
- 23 Progress Reports issued
- 25 PTA Meeting - 7.30pm in the Staffroom

April

- 1 Report Night 4pm-8pm
- 3 Mufti Day
- 6 Teachers Only Day - school closed for tuition
- 7 Tai Tokerau Festival
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- 9 End of Term 1