



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

The end of the year is coming together nicely. We are making good progress with appointments of new staff for 2009. The juniors have settled again after getting used to having no seniors here. The plans for the Community Services day and Elective days are sorted. Junior prizegiving information is being collated. Credit catch up for Year 8, 9 and 10 students at risk of failing their Junior Diploma has started, Senior Clearance day has been completed and our junior bands are practicing hard for their school concert.

On the buildings front we have completed all the major work in the 11 classroom upgrade project. There are still projector screens, projector mounts, sound systems, storage units, new teacher desks and one more set of classroom desks to be put into place in the



classrooms. Our HA block is now equal to any new *state of the art* teaching block in New Zealand. The Performing Arts Block too is making good progress. The 1st of March is the expected hand over date for the 4 classrooms. Apart from a transformer upgrade and some shade, 2009 will be a quiet year.

After 7.5 years of being Principal at Bream Bay College, I have been granted a sabbatical for 10 school weeks in term 2/3 of 2009. I will attend an International Conference on Restorative Practises in Vancouver and work on student/parent interaction with the college via the web while on this leave. Details of the cover arrangements are being discussed and will be communicated in term 1 of 2009.

What will be the number in the '100 plus club' is the big question for prizegiving. We had 18 in 2006, 27 in 2007 each getting \$100 and 3 weeks ago there were 45



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students who could gain the 100 credits at excellence to be part of this club. I am pleased to say that our benefactors Doug and Marvyn Smith have budgeted for an increased number of students and that \$100 will still be available. We will also award \$100 to students who get an NCEA level 1, 2 or 3 at excellence in the 2008 exams.

The recent year 5 and 6 taster and orientation day went well on Friday 21st of November. It is always a pleasure to have our new 2009 students in the College. The purpose of the year 5 tasters is to get the students used to the College environment so that the transition in year 6 to 7 is as smooth as possible.

Braydn Peters and Jordan Harty looking very pleased with their efforts baking yummy cookies on the Yr 5 Taster Day at Bream Bay College



Rockwall climbing was a hit with the Yr5 students on the Taster Day



Tayla Marriner experienced a new hair style when she experimented with the Van de Graaf Generator on Taster Day



"Have a Go" at Sailing

On Monday 17th of November Bream Bay College sent 12 students to One Tree Point Yacht Club to "Have A Go" at Sailing. It was an awesome experience for them. The weather that morning was very gusty with a few showers coming through so we had a few capsized boats to begin with. It didn't take long though for the students to familiarise themselves with the boats. With a bit of quick on the spot training they were off. There was even time for relays and racing. In the afternoon it was back in the water for some more sailing, swimming, water fights and loads of fun. Bream Bay College would like to thank the One Tree Point Yacht Club for providing the venue and lunch for the students and also to Yachting New Zealand for taking the time to help the kids learn to sail.



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Food Technology



This year the food in the Food Technology room has been really delicious. Our students have learnt many learning strategies including persistence, discovery and wonder. Their confidence and skills have shone through with many of their wonderful healthy dishes being gobbled up by adoring fans clambering at the door. This photo is of Hannah Mulloy during the Year 10 Dinner Party which was held

here at school one fabulous evening. The students had been trialling recipes for a three course meal for their chosen stakeholders (guests).

Waipu Beach Volleyball

On Tuesday 18th of November Bream Bay College entered two teams into the Year 7/8 Beach Volleyball Competition that was run by Sport Northland. It was a full day of volleyball with teams from Tikipunga, Pompallier, Matarua, Te Horo and Bream Bay. We had a team in Pool A and Pool B. Both teams had 4 games each. Team A consisting of Jordan Cox, Thomas Mulloy, Arnica Palmer, Kendyll Peters, and Sam Moffat won all four of their games finishing the Pool unbeaten. They played Matarau 3 teams, and Tikipunga. Team 2 consisting of Jaimee and Danielle Newton, Ella Stolwork, Reece Whittaker, and Morgan Hiki also won their four games against Matarau, Pompallier, and Tikipunga. A great day was had by all and both teams did extremely well winning all of their games.



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Year 7&8 trip to Takahiwai



On the 14th November, Unit and 8TOIR went to the conservation programme

this year. After tramping through the beautiful native bush, our first stop was the Rangiora Pa Site. It was a great opportunity to see where our tupuna had built terraced pa sites and also study the native plants. The second stop was the dam, behind the quarry where we sat and had lunch beside the tranquil water. Then it was off trekking back down the hill back to the Marae. The tamariki were very excited to have a look at the whale bones from the strandings in our area. A big thank you to our guide, Mr Dave Milner, for sharing his knowledge and expertise with us and also to Meryl Carter for this very worthwhile programme.

students from the Bilingual Takahiwai Marae as part of they have been studying

Up And Coming Events

Term 4 -13 October -15 December 2008

December

- 6-10 Yr 9 Wellington Trip
- 8 Community Services Day
- 9&10 Electives
- 15 Junior Prizegiving - 10.45am start - Auditorium
- 15 Junior reports issued
- 15 Buses depart 1pm
- END OF YEAR



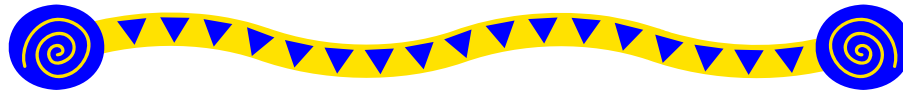
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INVITATION



Bream Bay College
would like to extend an invitation to
friends/family and
members of the community
to join us in farewelling

Virginia Gardner
Marie Smyth
Rowan Toia

On Wednesday 17th December
from 6pm onwards
in real home/country style
in the Bream Bay College Staffroom
BYO nibbles/drinks





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NEWSFLASH

The Public Health Nurse
Dee Millen
Will be available for appointments
On the 12th, 19th and 26th January 2009
From 1-2pm
At the District Council Office
Opposite the Recreation Centre
Ruakaka