



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Term 4 is well underway now. Some students are a little tense due to the pressure coming on to obtain their credits in the Junior Diploma's and for NCEA. We will do all that we can to assist. Please talk to your son / daughter about their recently released report and help them set targets for this last term.

Teacher Only Day: Monday 17th of November. The College will be closed for instruction on Monday 17th of November so that all staff can work on the 'new curriculum.' This day has been granted by the Minister of Education. We have chosen the 17th as it is after the Seniors have left for their NCEA exams and after our Year 9 and 10 students have sat their exams. The College has obtained the services of Rosemary Hipkins from the 'New Zealand Educational Research' to facilitate the day. She will be working with the staff on "understanding of the curriculum" and how to better assess the "key competencies." Parents should be aware that the way in which schools function and learning takes place will look radically different in 10 years time, so much so that the statement "when I was at school we did..." will bear little resemblance to what is happening in order to fully deliver the new curriculum. Added to this, schools under the new curriculum are required to engage parents. Breaking down the traditional barriers to make this happen is likely to be the biggest challenge to schools. We hope that by sharing the information we have, in real time, with our parents that there will be a higher level of engagement between the teachers, parents and the student and better outcomes. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the College being closed. There will be two 'Teacher Only Days' in 2009 to continue this work.

Powhiri for Rose Nathan - New DP Wednesday 5th of November. Rodney College will hand over Rose Nathan to Bream Bay College on Wednesday 5th of November at 1.00pm. We will run a normal period 1 to 3 with lunch being from 12.05pm to 12.50pm. The powhiri will start around 1.00pm. Students will return to class for period 4 after the powhiri has finished. Parents and community members are welcome to attend this event.



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Prizegiving Wednesday 12th November. 12.30pm start. We look forward to seeing parents/caregivers/whanau and members of the community at this event to enjoy the celebration of our students' achievements throughout the year.

This is the draft release of ERO Community Pages for Bream Bay College. The College may request minor changes to the report below but it is happy to release the draft report as it stands for the community.

To the Parents and Community of Bream Bay College

These are the findings of the Education Review Office's latest report on **Bream Bay College**.

Bream Bay College is a co-educational secondary school that provides a good standard of education for students from Years 7-15. The school fosters strong links with its community and offers students a wide range of curricular and co-curricular opportunities. The principal and board place a strong emphasis on improving student achievement in all areas, and this focus underpins all school activities.

The school has made significant progress in the last three years. Student academic achievement has been raised. There is a focus on developing the 'whole person', and improving student wellbeing. Students report being happy and safe at school and appreciate the increased co-curricular opportunities available. They are friendly and proud of their school. Restorative practices for dealing with any conflict are well embedded in the school culture and contribute to a positive school tone.

Developments in information and communication technologies (ICT) have made current achievement data available to staff, students and parents, and have led to improved communication between home and school. The school has a supportive board of trustees, Parent-Teacher Association and whanau support group.

The quality of teaching ranges from satisfactory to very good, with some examples of high quality teaching. Teachers have positive relationships with students. Classrooms are settled, achievement-focused environments in which students are on-task. Heads of departments (HODS) provide the board with useful, comprehensive annual reports on student progress and achievement.



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The principal is a motivated leader and is enthusiastic about school and regional initiatives linked to improving student achievement. Senior managers are committed to school progress. The principal should now clarify the roles and specific responsibilities of senior staff as part of the process of streamlining and focusing the work of this management team.

Trustees show a genuine concern for all areas of school development. The chairperson of the board is experienced in and knowledgeable about school governance and supports the principal well. It is now timely to strengthen self review, reporting and strategic planning so that effective practices are firmly embedded in the governance of the school.

The board of trustees asked ERO to evaluate the effectiveness of school initiatives that are contributing to improving the quality of teaching and learning, student achievement and the development of the 'whole person'. In addition, ERO evaluated the school's progress towards improving Maori and Pacific student achievement, readiness to implement the New Zealand Curriculum, the school's thinking about the educational needs of its future students, and provision for international students.

As part of the 2005 ERO review, the board agreed to develop a self-review cycle to inform strategic planning, and to strengthen performance management systems to improve teaching and learning. These areas of school management continue to need attention.

The board of trustees and ERO agree that the trustees, Principal and staff should further enhance student achievement by improving teaching and learning through the use of formative assessment practices and by establishing effective processes for evaluating school development.

Future Action ERO is confident that the board of trustees can manage the school in the interests of the students and the Crown and bring about the improvements outlined in this report ERO is likely to review the school again as part of the regular review cycle.

Review Coverage ERO reviews do not cover every aspect of school performance and each ERO report may cover different issues. The aim is to provide information on aspects that are central to student achievement and useful to this school.



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Alpine 2008



THANKS! This Outdoor Ed experience acknowledges the expertise of: Steve Jones, Finn Scott, Karl Andrews and Gary Smyth. Your input was appreciated by the Team.

The pursuit of Alpine skills and the opportunity to experience living in a World Heritage Park on an active

volcano remains the focus and educational justification for this journey. The personal development of a young person is aided by the structure based upon challenge and venturing beyond one's comfort zone. It is my hope that having introduced a student to the Mountain they will embrace the spirit and return for more extreme adventures.



What Makes a Kiwi?



This was the topic Year 9 Social Studies had to research in Term 3 and one of the assessments was for the students to present their findings in a group seminar. Their



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ideas could be shown through song, poetry, drama, video or any other medium. This enterprising group of girls from 9B decided to spend the weekend together to create a mural which shows some major aspects of our history and successfully links our beginnings with some of today's favourite pastimes. (Yes that is Helen Clark on the end of the bungy rope!) Enterprise such as this is to be commended.

Left to Right: Myra Van Den Bergen, Laura Andrews, Chelsea Mitchell, Paige Carter, (in front) Jo Lane-Moor.



Guitar Tuition

Are you interested in or do you know anybody who would be interested in teaching guitar to our incredibly talented keen and motivated students at Bream Bay College. There are currently 10 students with definite possibilities for expansion who desperately need guitar tuition. Please contact Andrew Oates at BBC on 09) 4328226 or 09) 8173311

The 'Old Girl' Network



Alisha Castle and Natia Foote



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During the first week of the recent holidays, Head Girl Natia Foote and Student Board of Trustees Representative Alisha Castle spent a week in the real world at the Auckland Law Firm of 1996 Head Girl and McBirney Award Winner, Kelly Fox.

Kelly invited these two senior History Students (with all expenses paid) to experience life as a Lawyer and during their stay they learned to do a variety of procedures as well as touring the Law School at Auckland University, and observing at the Manukau District Court. Kelly, also remembered for being the drummer in 'Transient', the Bream Bay College 1996 National Rockquest Winner for the **Best Original Song**, is keen to make this opportunity an annual one."

"I have always wanted to put something back into my old school," said Kelly, "and when this opportunity arose I thought of Bream Bay College." Both Natia and Alisha are now considering a career in Law from this experience.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

17th November 2008

Please note:

Bream Bay College will be closed for instruction on this day

COMMUNITY SERVICES DAY

8TH DECEMBER 2008

Community Services day is happening on Monday the 8th of December. This is the day before our Junior Electives. We will have groups of Year 7 to 10 students who are keen to make a difference in our community. If you have any ideas on projects/ tasks they could do, please contact the Principal's Secretary, on 4328226 extn 703 with information.



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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Term 4 -13 October -15 December 2008

October

- 15 Junior Reports issued
- 21 BOT Meeting 7pm - Staffroom
- 22-24 Senior Exams
- 29 PTA Meeting 7.30pm - all welcome
- 31 ASB Awards Dinner

November

- 5 Powhiri to welcome Deputy Principal, Rose Nathan
- 7 Mufti Day/End of Year Social
- 12 Senior Prizegiving - 12.30pm start - Auditorium
- 12 Leavers Dinner - Artform Restaurant
- 13 Whanau Support Meeting - 5.30pm - Whare
- 13&14 8TOIR and 8WATL Takahiwai Conversation Wananga
- 13&14 Yr 9&10 Exams
- 17 Teacher Only Day
- 17 NCEA Exams begin
- 18 BOT Meeting 7pm - Staffroom
- 21 Yr 5 Taster Day/Yr6 Orientation Day

December

- 2 NCEA Exams finish
- 3 Senior reports issued
- 3 Sign out day for senior students
- 3 PTA Meeting 7.30pm - all welcome
- 6-10 Yr 9 Wellington Trip
- 8 Community Service Day
- 9&10 Electives
- 15 Junior Prizegiving - 10.45 start - Auditorium
- 15 Junior reports issued
- 15 School Magazine issued
- 15 Buses depart 1pm
- END OF YEAR



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UP AND COMING SPORTING EVENTS

October

17 School Tennis Champs

20-22 Junior House Touch Rugby

28&29 Junior House Touch Rugby

November

5 Yr 7-10 Squash Champs

School Photographs - Have you ordered school photographs as yet?

If you haven't had the chance to order Whanau, Sports, Yr 7&8 Class photos or any other photos then next week is your chance. An order form will be sent to you, via the email, next Tuesday for those who wish to order.