



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Term 4 is progressing smoothly. It is a very hectic term with two prizegivings on the horizon and lots of assessment preparation. Students and staff will be feeling the pressure. Taking a little time to relax with your sons/daughters and reassuring them that by continuing to work all will be well will go a long way to easing the pressure.

Buses and Zones Update. The Ministry of Education has measured the half way point between Bream Bay College and Otamatea High School and confirmed it as approximately 100m on the northern side of Shultz road. Bream Bay College Board of Trustees has confirmed that it will not allow other schools to use Ministry funded buses in its transport entitlement zone. The Ministry of Education transport policy has always been one of offering transport assistance (note - not entitlement) to students to their nearest school. The issue of the Pompallier College bus has been raised and it is the College's understanding that the run will return to its designated run only in 2009 (travel down Port Marsden Highway to the Gas station and then return to Whangarei via the same route) and that students other than Pompallier College students will no longer be able to travel on it. The issue of returning school transport use to its intended use under policy is one that is happening throughout New Zealand.

Our seniors should all be studying for their external exams. They have been issued with exam timetables and study timetables. There have been some changes to reporting of NCEA results for 2008. If a student is entered for a standard and they do not attempt it, they will be graded as not achieved. Previously students may have decided not to do a booklet in an exam or decide not to turn up to an exam and get standard(s) not attempted on their results sheet. Now they will get not achieved. We are telling all students that they must attend all exams and they must open and attempt all standards. The worst they can get by doing this is not achieved which is the same as if they do nothing. Of course with a little work we hope that they all will at least obtain an achieved grade or above.

Our year 10 students will be sitting 4 two hour exams on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 of November. A major issue for the current generation is working while there is



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absolute silence for a continued period of time. Junior exams is an opportunity to practice this skill. All students will need to do some revision prior to these exams.

It was a pleasure to be part of the official party at the ASB Awards. Daniel Crawford and Sarah Hansen were selected from the college to be the recipients of the \$150 awards. The schools in Northland are very appreciative of the support they receive from businesses and especially from the ASB Bank.



The Performing Arts block is making good progress. The tilt slab walls will be erected next week. The refurbishment of the classrooms in HA block is nearing completion. It will be good to have all of our teaching spaces back in use.

Students at Bream Bay College have been treated to an amazing state of the art mobile facility located in the school car park. The Inzone Careers Touring Bus has been a major attraction for students who wish to access information about what future career pathways are available to them.



Students were free to walk around the different modules to explore Career opportunities inside the bus



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Community Services Day

Bream Bay College is underway in planning its community service day scheduled for Monday 8th of December. Students of the school from year 7 to 10 will participate on that day by doing something positive for their community and environment. Senior students from years 11 to 13 will be on exam leave at this time but we are expecting the Junior School to rise to the challenge in showing care and concern for their environment and respect for their community. We have already some suitable activities for student involvement in the area but can take on additional work if we are notified of the need in time. Please let the college know of any community work you know of by ringing the school office. Of course there will be no charge for any services done on that day as we are interested in fostering community spirit, cooperation and responsibility. Some tasks we have been notified of require considerable adult supervision. We will be using all available teachers at the college to supervise activities on that day but would be very appreciative of extra adult supervision as some tasks we have in mind have a one adult to five student supervision ratio. If there are any parents or community liaison persons who would be willing to allocate a day or half day on the 8 December to enable us to carry out the tasks with a high supervision ratio, it would be much appreciated. It would be a great opportunity for our youngsters to work alongside people in the community. If you can make yourself available on that day please ring Bev. Webb at the school office and leave your name and contact details.

Barbara Pengelly
Community Service Liaison

R Tucker Thompson Voyage



Taylor Farrell and Sarah Buckland enjoyed 1 week away on board the R Tucker Thompson sailing around the Bay of Islands experiencing team building skills and life on the high seas with other students. Laura Andrews, David Dalebrook and Dylan King also experienced this adventure on a separate voyage - a once in a lifetime experience for all.



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Officers at the ready



Congratulations to Daniel Crawford and Dominic Wells who have been selected for Officer recruitment for the Royal NZ Navy. Daniel Crawford has been selected for the rank of Seaman Officer, Tangaroa Scheme, which effectively is a University Scholarship for a 3 year undergraduate degree.

Daniel will join the Royal New Zealand Navy as a commissioned Officer mid January 2009 and be part of a 6 month

Junior Officer Common Training Course, (JOCT) designed to mould and shape young male and female Officers from all trades with a focus during the early weeks on fitness, team building and service knowledge. The students are slowly introduced to more complex training as the weeks pass including basic weapon, field and navigation training, a period in the Spirit of New Zealand to introduce what life at sea is all about. Once Daniel and Dominic graduate from JOCT, Naval Base, Devonport Auckland, they will have a well-earned period of leave before returning to the primary navigation Course. This training is very intense with a high pass requirement, conducted in classroom, in simulated situations and at sea in small Patrol vessels. Students are then packed off for a brief period at sea to consolidate JOCT and Navigation training. This can mean their first deployment overseas, normally to Australia. It will be 2010 when Daniel starts his three year degree, interspersed with Navy training; as he is paid to study and sponsored through university. That about sums it up for Daniel. As for Dominic, he will advance to sea and develop ship-handling skills and advanced Navigation before being placed in the Fleet.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

17th November 2008

Please note:

Bream Bay College will be closed for instruction on this day



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Bream Bay College Tennis Champs 20th October 2008

This year we had a good-turn out for the tennis champs. It was great to see all the kids out there having a go. The weather was not on our side this year but despite this we got through all the games. The results are as follows:

Sub-junior Girls Champion - Stephanie Wickham, Sub-junior Doubles Champions - Stephanie Wickham and Rebecca Lucas, Junior Girls Singles Champion - Jessica Cole, Junior Girls Doubles Champs - Jessica Cole and Cassidy Potich, Junior Boys Singles Champion - Thomas Mulloy, Junior Boys Doubles Champs - Gareth Christensen and Mackay Crawley, Intermediate Girls Champion - Kelsey Power, Intermediate Girls Doubles Champs - Kelsey Power and Briallen McCabe, Intermediate Boys Singles Champion - Hayden Draper. Intermediate Boys Doubles Champs - Nic Murray and Kyle Simpson, Senior Girls Singles Champion - Tania Abercrombie, Senior Girls

Doubles Champs - Tania Abercrombie and Laura McLean, Senior Boys Singles Champion - Morgan Maheno, Senior Boys Doubles Champs - Gilbert Costello and Dustin Morunga. Well done to all of the students who entered the Tennis Champs.



Tessa Hall and Sophia White enjoying the thrill of tennis doubles in between the showers.

Visit to the Takahiwai Wetland



As part of the "Conservation Study" the Yr 7&8 Bilingual class and 8TOIR went to the Takahiwai Wetland to plant native trees and flax. The tamariki planted the trees and flax with local whanau from Takahiwai and the Whangarei Council.



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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.

Up and Coming Sporting Events

October

28&29 Junior House Touch Rugby

November

5 Yr 7-10 Squash Champs

Up and Coming Events

Term 4 -13 October -15 December 2008

November

- 5 Powhiri to welcome Deputy Principal, Rose Nathan - 1pm
- 6 Mufti Day/End of Year Socia
- 8th Elections - Auditorium
- 12 Senior Prize giving - 12.30pm start - Auditorium
- 12 Leavers Dinner - Artform Restaurant
- 13 Whanau Support Meeting - 5.30pm - Whare
- 13&14 8TOIR and 8WATL Takahiwai Conservation 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



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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 Prize giving - 10.45 start - Auditorium
- 15 Junior reports issued
- 15 School Magazine issued
- 15 Buses depart 1pm
- END OF YEAR