



# BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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## From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome back and welcome to all our new students. It has been a full on start to term 2. The College had 7 new enrolments on the first day and another 6 students arrived to enrol but have to wait on their student visas to be processed. They will join us in the next 4 weeks or so. Bream Bay College is very quickly gaining an international flavour. We now have students from Fiji, the Philippines, South Africa, Zimbabwe, England, Australia, Japan and Sri Lanka.

The first assembly of the term was taken up with the College's Anzac service. This year the guest speakers were year 13 students who went on the Europe Tour. It is great to see the school-aged generation taking an interest in the past in a way that will hopefully see them reduce the number of wars in the future when they take over control. Mr Hansen did an excellent job of putting our service together and providing visual aides to accompany the student's speeches.

The college is looking to have a powhiri for new staff and students at the start of each term. The first of these took place at the Tuesday assembly time on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. It was an opportunity to recognise the richly diverse skills, talents and desires of our manuhiri (visitors) and join them with those of our tangata whenua. To add mana to the occasion and to the speakers the school is learning a himene and a waiata for use at future powhiri.

The College accounts were audited in week one of term 2. No major issues were noted with the way the college's processes its money. The College was asked why it allowed its working capital to become negative and why it has run a deficit budget for 4 years. It was explained that the spending of \$100,000 on the student Welfare centre caused the working capital to be negative and that the working capital situation would come right in 2008. With regards to the deficit budget, it is simple. Schools are not getting enough money. Vote Education has been given large amounts of money by the government but very little of it seems to reach the schools where all the work takes place. The current board has no intention of putting money aside. It is adamant that it will be spent on the existing student body. The College would be delighted to be shown how it could spend its money "more wisely" and maintain its



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current level of service. Of course when you say this suddenly everything goes quiet and no more is said.

School photos were taken on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May by Tracey Scott, our Head of Art. These photos will be made available to all students for free. They will be able to get an electronic copy of them or print them in full colour using their printing credits. I would suggest that our parents get their children to email them the relevant photos for their records.

The College cross country took place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of May. This year the course was a White Sands course. Results will be in the next newsletter.

The PTA AGM was held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations to Greg Smith - Chairperson, Pam Crawley - Secretary and Lorraine Maheno - Treasurer on being elected to these offices for 2008. A big thank you was recorded for Yvonne Barker for her work as Treasurer for the last 6 years. The PTA voted to purchase 20 new school blazers and provide \$500 worth of sports gear for the year 7 and 8 homeroom classes. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June. We are planning to have a year 7 and 8 Dean and the Head of English there to talk about their areas and answer questions.

Have you checked your son/daughters results for term 1. All grades for term 1 are available on line. Please take the time to check where they are at. To do this run the Bream Bay College report or the Junior Diploma Summary or the Senior NZQA Individual Credits Report.

Our *Whanau Numeracy Initiative* starts in week 4. All of our students abilities with numbers will be enhanced by playing mathematically-based games that they all enjoy. Our work in this area has seen a steady increase in the college's level of numeracy. If you think you are up to the challenge, I am sure your son/daughter would love to play one of the games with you.

It is all go on the buildings front. Registrations of interest have been received for the Performing Arts Block, The Caretakers Shed is out for tender, the Whare Carpark is out for tender, the Tennis Courts/Astro Surface are nearly completed,



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the Resource Room - nine classroom refurbishment project is out for tender and our Caretakers house is about to get a much needed facelift.

The College wishes to welcome the Gymnastics Club to its premises. Gymnastics is now available on Mondays from 3.30 to 7.00pm. For details contact Erin Kilmore on ph 4327939.

Dental Services for year 9 to 13 students are now available at Bream Bay College. The Dental Caravan will arrive on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. All senior students will have been given an enrolment pack. Spares are available at the office. We hope to ensure that all of our senior students have seen a dentist within the last 12 months.

## Wacky Hair Day - 23<sup>rd</sup> May



C'mon staff and students join in and be part of **Wacky Hair Day**. Please support this wonderful cause by offering a *gold coin donation* which will go towards a Rescue Helicopter in Whangarei. This is definitely a **school uniform day** but an excellent opportunity to wear your hair wacky and support an excellent cause in the North.

See how wacky you can be!!!

## Science and Technology Fair

The Science and Technology Fair is upon us again. Students should have given some thought as to what they wish to investigate. If they are stuck for ideas for investigations they can see their teacher for ideas or suggestions as to where to look for ideas. Remember the investigation involves fair testing. Marking is scheduled for Monday 28 July which is the first day of week 2 of term 3. The work should be the student's own work as it counts for credits.



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## ANZAC Day Service



Because Anzac Day was in the holidays, the College held its annual Anzac Service on the first Tuesday of Term 2. Guest speakers at the service were Sarah Hansen, Kimberley Gadd, Letisha Nicholas, and Daniel Crawford; these four students represented the recently returned European Tour Group. Using some very emotive pictures that were displayed on the Auditorium screen, Sarah and Letisha were able to describe their thoughts as

they walked through the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Tyne Cot in Flanders, where there were over 11,500 graves, as well as another 37,000 names of soldiers whose bodies were never found. Letisha talked about the American cemetery at Omaha Beach in Normandy, while Daniel described a German cemetery in Normandy. Using pictures on the screen they also tried to describe the numbers of graves that were there, and how young so many of the soldiers lost their lives. In the German cemetery there were soldiers who were as young as 16 when they died; the same age as many of the students on the tour.



The students from the 2008 European Tour paid their respects at the BBC Anzac Day Service by sharing their stories from their visit to the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Tyne Cot in Flanders and the American and German Cemetery in Normandy.

Hamish and Rebecca Lucas took part in the Anzac Day Service paying their respects by laying a wreath in remembrance of those that had fallen





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## Science Tutorial Help

The teachers of NCEA Science courses at Levels 1, 2 and 3 will be running tutorials during Tuesday lunchtime in Lab 3. Students just turn up for help with difficulties they are having with any part of their science courses. This will be valuable for the students in the run up to the exams at the end of term 2. It is never too early to start revision. Below is the roster of when teachers will be on duty for tutorials.

May 20	Mr Lee	Jun 3	Mrs Wakelin
May 27	Miss Cooper	Jun 10	Mr Lee
Jun 17	Miss Cooper	Jun 24	Mrs Wakelin

## Respect Week Activities

Students and teachers at the school are involved in two weeks of emphasising Respect: Respect for Ourselves, Respect for Others and Respect for the Environment. Respect for Others involves everyone writing letters of respect to one another and these being delivered around the school. Respect for Ourselves will be celebrated by the senior students who are attending an overnight Health and Well-Being camp. It is co-ordinated by students Laura Mclean, Sophia White, Liam Gibbs, Matthew Larsen and Sheridan Webb, and run by Wendy Baker. The camp has a great line up of speakers and promises to be even better than last years. Finally the environment group have organised a school wide competition to "beautify your patch", with a prize for the whanau that has the finest looking area. Judging and the prize will be announced next week. It is our hope that as a result our whole school will be that little bit more respectful in all we do.

## Science Investigation



Mr Lee's Year 9 students investigating air pressure/drink bottle projectile motion



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## UP AND COMING EVENTS - Term 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> May - 4 July 2008

### May

- 22 Dental Caravan at BBC
- 23 Wacky Hair Day - Gold coin to Rescue Helicopter
- 26 Youth Week/Respect Week - Wk3
- 30 Northland Career Roadshow
- Mufti Day

### June

- 3 Speech Week
- 5 Whanau Support Meeting - 5.30pm - Whare
- 7 Rockquest Finals
- 11 College Day
- 13 School Ball
- 17 BOT Meeting - 7pm - Staffroom
- 24-27 Senior Exams
- 27 Mufti Day/School Social
- 29-30 Career Expo - Whangarei
- 30 Tartan Week

### July

- 1 Scottish Dancing Assembly
- Blues Assembly - 2.20pm Auditorium
- 5 Air Force NZ Challenge Week

## UP & COMING SPORTING EVENTS

### May

- 5 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Hockey Begins - Whangarei
- 7 Mid-Week Soccer Begins
- 13 Spirit Of Adventure Voyage Departs
- 14 Clay Target 2 Kaitaia
- 14 Northland SS Rugby League Tournament
- 16 Bream Bay College School Cross-Country
- 29 Southern Zone Cross Country

### June

- 5 Cross Country Barge Park