



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

The public is now able to see the confirmed NCEA results for each school. Bream Bay College is very happy with the number of excellent and merit diplomas at level 1 and 2 along with the total number of NCEA certificates. We are not happy with the lower than expected literacy percentage at level 1 or the overall credit pass rate at year 13. Both of these are in hand to be sorted for 2008. We are particularly pleased that the bulk of our results have been attained from achievement standards where students can achieve the grades achieved, merit or excellence. From our existing data we are expecting to perform well above the national averages with our 2008 results.

Progress Reports: We have spoken to the students and some parents about using the progress reports for goal-setting purposes. Please take the time to sit down with your son/daughter and write down the grade they are predicting that they will attain for each assessment prior to them starting the assessment. In a space beside the grade write what they are going to do to get the grade. Part way through the topic please discuss how things are going and then after the topic has been assessed, discuss how it went, what could be done better and what grade they will target for the next assessment. Your son/daughter's results will improve markedly if you do this and you will have the associated benefits that come from regular discussion with them. Good luck.

Things are starting to happen on the building front. The tennis courts project has started, the resource room project is out to tender and the performing arts block will be ready to go to tender on the 14th. We will be able to focus on the upgrade of some classrooms shortly.

Our kapa haka roopu are nearly set to go to the Tai Tokerau Festival to be held at Okaihau College. They will perform on Wednesday 16th April at 10.00am and 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you there.

The count down to the Europe trip is nearly over. Tomorrow the 11th of April is the big day when 26 students and supporting adults leave on their exciting adventure.



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Thank you to all of our community who have supported them in their efforts. We wish them well on their trip.

Environmental Wananga

On the 18, 19 and 20th of March, the Year 7 and 8 Bilingual unit and some students from 8TOIR attended an Environmental Wananga (learning camp) at the Takahiwai Marae. This was an integrated unit incorporating curriculum areas of Science, Social Studies and Language. The main focus of this Wananga was to conduct an investigation into the existing biodiversity within the



Takahiwai wetlands and tributaries. This was conducted with the assistance of experts from NIWA, Regional Council, The Department of Conservation and local whanau of the Patuharakeke hapu. We will return to the Marae in term 4 for further studies around this topic, such as planting in the wetlands and monitoring improvements to promote the health of the harbour. It is very encouraging to see our tamariki concerned about the health of the harbour and the environment. They are certainly enthusiastic about working towards the preservation and conservation of the natural resources for future generations to enjoy.

Nga mihi nui ki nga tamariki, nga maatua me nga whanaunga kua haere mai ki te tautoko te kaupapa o tenei hui, ki te awhi I nga tamariki.

Bream Bay College- Enrolment Scheme

In order to avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, the board of Bream Bay College has adopted an enrolment scheme which has been approved by the Ministry of Education. This scheme will come into effect on 1 January 2008.

Under this scheme, students will be enrolled if they live within the home zone described below.

Starting where the harbour meets Springfield Road and SH 1 the zone follows the coastline to, south of Langs Beach, the Whangarei-Kaipara District Council boundary. Turning south-west the zone follows the council boundary along the top of the



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Brynderwyn Hills crossing SH 1 north of number 4800 and Waipu Gorge Road at the council boundary (north of number 675). The zone then travels across country to Finlayson Brook Road, crossing at the council boundary and following it to where it crosses Millbrook Road (west of number 1332). From Millbrook Road the zone heads north, joining Springfield Road at the intersection with Mangapai Caves Road and Waipu Caves Road before following Springfield Road back to the starting point.

All residential addresses on included sides of boundary roads and all no exit roads off included sides of boundary roads are included in the zone unless otherwise stated.

The enrolment of out-of-zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education Act 1989. The enrolment scheme, which includes a precise description of the home zone, may be viewed at the school office, where copies of the scheme are also available.

Kelsey Power - Tennis

Over Easter, the Northland Junior Tennis Squad attended the Easter Junior Open at North Harbour. Yr 10 student, Kelsey Power, a member of the squad, competed in both the singles and doubles U14 girls sections. Kelsey was seeded 3rd in this tournament so came up against the top seed in her semi final which she narrowly lost. In the doubles event Kelsey teamed up with the number 1 seed, to finish runner up in the doubles. These two must have impressed each other and will now compete in the Nationals in Wellington as doubles partners and possibly singles opponents again. Kelsey's most recent result is retaining the Waipu Club Champs Ladies Singles title and the Ladies Doubles, with partner Megan Carran.





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Ricochet Easter Egg Hunt



On Wednesday 19th of April the Ricochet group held an Easter Egg Hunt for the schools students. Ricochet is a group of students reflecting positive changes throughout Bream Bay College; it is open for all students to join; all ages. The Ricochet group, with help from some yr 13 students, hid 200 small Easter eggs throughout the school ... in trees, on the playground, around eating areas and some rather peculiar places. The hunt was over within almost minutes with younger students showing much generosity sharing their eggs with their friends. Thanks to 'Ignite Youth', Ricochet could purchase the 200 eggs. We hope to report many more fun and out of the ordinary events in the future.

Year 10 Outdoor Education day to Goat Island



On the 18th of March the majority of the Year 10 students attended an Outdoor Education day at Goat Island. The day commenced with an informative and interesting trip on the glass bottom boat, where the pupils learnt all about the marine life at Goat Island. This was followed by a surf lifesaving competition which required the pupils to work in mixed teams to compete in a number of beach and water based events. The pupils had quite an audience of onlookers by the end of the

competition. The remainder of the day was filled by walking the coastal track and snorkelling. Both staff and pupils had a fantastic day.



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BBC Euro Sport & Culture Tour



Laura McLean

The Bream Bay College European Sport & Culture Tour departs on the 11th April for 3 weeks to play soccer and hockey in the UK and Europe. The students are pictured dressed in their travelling uniform proudly sponsored by SPI Engineering and Northport. The students and parents would like to thank SPI and Northport for their sponsorship and to everyone in the community who have given them the opportunity to fundraise over an 18 month period.



Daniel Crawford



Yr 7&8 Shakespear Camp Fundraising

Yr 7&8 student Dalton Barribal holding the winning 1kg Easter Egg for his baby brother Harris, who was the winner of the Shakespear Camp Easter Raffle.





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Alex Corbett - Javelin

Alex was selected for the Northland Secondary School Track & Field Team to travel to the North Island Secondary School Championships at Douglas Track & Field, Henderson in Auckland on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April. Alex was selected to participate in the Senior Boys Javelin.

SCIENCE CORNER

Year 9 and 10 students are currently working on their Science Media Journals. Full details of the activity are on MyClasses. The journal should be completed by the end of term and is worth Key Competency credits. Parents can support their children by helping them to find suitable articles.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Term 2 - 5th May - 4 July 2008

April

- 6 Daylight Saving Ends
- 11 BBC Europe Trip Departs @ 1.30pm - 3 weeks
- 11 Yr 13 Biology Trip
- 14-18 Gateway Experience Week
- 15 BOT Meeting
- 16&17 Tai Tokerau Festival - Okaihau
- 18 Last Day of Term