



Bream Bay College

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

What a great start to the year. Thank you to all the parents for getting your sons and daughters organised and kitted out in the correct uniform. The new uniform is looking good with students looking and feeling very smart. The take up of existing students with this uniform is high and we expect the transition period for wearing the old uniform to be short.



Thank you to Paraire Pirihi for officiating at the **Powhiri** for our new students. New Zealand is a unique place made up of people from all cultures. Understanding Maori culture is a right and a responsibility for all New Zealanders. The College tries to seamlessly integrate both our New Zealand European and Maori cultures into its practices. Our students are further enriched by the integration of Scottish culture due to the large Scottish

contingent in the local area. Knowledge is power and as the world seemingly shrinks, because of the rapid advances in communication and travel, the ability to operate and understand different cultures is becoming more and more essential.

Buildings - We had some good news in the holidays re our Performing Arts Block. We have been granted an extra \$250,000 towards this project. The architects are now working flat out to get the project to the stage where it can be tendered which should happen this term. Over the holidays rooms 19 and 20 were moved to make way for the Performing Arts Block. The architects have also been working on the





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specifications for the tennis court area refurbishment and the project is out for tender now. The resource room restructure should go to tender later this term and the project will start just before the term 1 holidays. We will look at the refurbishment of the insides of 4 classrooms towards the end of this term as our next new project. On the maintenance side the auditorium is currently being painted.

The College has been fortunate to appoint the following high quality staff to work in our college and we are looking forward to their contributions. The staff are: David Lee - HOD Science ex Mount Albert Grammar School, Gwyneth Cooper - Physics ex Training College, Lia Kupa - Food Technology ex Tamatea Intermediate, Tracey Scott- HOD Art ex Spotswood College and Emma Wihongi - Year 7 and 8 Homeroom teacher ex Pukekohe Intermediate.

Other staff movements are Shaun Davison returning to full time as Guidance Counsellor, Ian Duffield has returned from his years leave as a Senior Subject Advisor and Debbie Stone returning in the role as Gateway Coordinator.

Congratulations to Mrs Johnson (formerly Edge) on her marriage on Christmas day and Mr Hooper on gaining residency for New Zealand.



Welcome Daniel Crawford, Sheree Green, Natia Foote and Liam Gibbs as Head Boys & Girls for 2008. Their first official function was representing the school at the Powhiri held on Thursday 7th February.



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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Term 1 - 5th February - 18th April 2008

February

- 11 Stationery sales in BBC Library 12&13 Yr13 Camp
- 13 Yr 9 Camp - Tangihua Ranges
- 13 Free school doctor - 2pm-3pm
- 13 PTA Meeting - 7.30am in the BBC Staffroom
- 14 New Student Induction Day
- 20 Free school doctor - 2pm-3pm
- 20&21 Mediator Training Camp - departing 4pm
- 27 BBQ for Yr 12&13 parents/students
- 27 Yr 9 Social Studies trip to Bay of Islands
- 28 Athletics Day - parents/caregivers & whanau welcome - 9am
- 29 Mufti Day

2008 Sporting Events - Term 1

February

- 8 School Swimming Sports
- 21 Zonal Swimming Sports - Wellsford
- 27 Northland Swimming Sports - Kerikeri
- 28 School Athletics

March

- 6 Ruakaka Triathlon
- 7 Zonal Athletics - Dargaville
- 7&8 Rugby 7s- Yr 7&8 Tournament

Stationery Sales for Yr7&8 students commences 11th February

Stationery Sales for Yr7&8 students will be available from the Bream Bay College School Library from Monday 11th February 2008.





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NCEA INFORMATION EVENING

On Monday 18th February, an Information Evening will be held in the Auditorium at 7.00 pm for Year 11 - 13 students and their parents.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide students and parents with information on:

- The NCEA system
- How work is assessed
- Requirements for university entrance
- Any questions students and parents may have

The NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) at Levels 1 - 3 is the qualifications that all senior students at Bream bay College study for. It is important that students and their parents have a clear understanding of how the system works as the results achieved by students in NCEA will determine their future education/training and, ultimately, their future employment

MATHS HOMEWORK BOOKS

In 2008, every student is expected to purchase a Maths Homework book. Please pay at the office and bring the receipt to Mr Hooper to collect the book.

Year 12 - \$17 Year 9, 10, 11 - \$15

Each class will receive a free book with one lucky chosen student given a refund. Last date for payment - Friday 29th February.

WANTED - RACING BIKES

The PE Department is desperately seeking racing bikes for senior Phys Ed students. Please contact Ian Bunting on 09)4328226 xtn: 730 if you have any information relating to this request.



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FREE language games for you at home!

Christine Birss and Peter Hope of Whangarei Bayleys have partnered with New Beginnings Educational Resources and kindly donated a subscription to our school valued at \$600 + GST.

All of the staff and students at Bream Bay College can access these games and activities in French, Spanish, German, Italian and English at school and at home. The student's websites are Linguastars, Linguascope and Linguaprime and can be found at:

www.linguascope.com

You can get your password from the Languages Department or you can email info@newbeginnings.co.nz.

Thanks again to: Christine Birss (027) 2354323 and Peter Hope (021) 536222 Kauri Realty Ltd MREINZ.



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