



Bream Bay College

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

The patch of fine weather has lifted the spirits of everybody in the College. The fields and turf have been fully utilised at breaks and lunchtimes, whanau numeracy activities are in full swing with high levels of participation and there is a general hum around the College in the classrooms.

Our Rockquest bands "Never Ending Story" and "Evenmore" performed with distinction at the Rockquest finals. Demi Mitchell was presented with the best lyrics award. The "Inspectors" from Otamatea High School was judged best band by all in the audience I spoke to. Their performance was outstanding. It was disappointing that the language in winning band "Power House's" performance was crude and disgusting in their first song. I have taken this matter up with the Rockquest organisers and Smokefree, the sponsors. We hope not to see a repeat of this ever again. The matter will be discussed by the Northland Secondary School Principals at their next meeting. On behalf of Northland Schools, the Principals apologise for the performance. What a shame when so many other students performed to such a high level.

The College's Speech competition showcased the oratory talent of the school. The level of the speeches was high and the content entertaining. It is still disappointing that some students failed to produce a speech to present in their English class. Congratulations to all the students that stepped up to the mark and gave it a go.

The year 13 students have been busy decorating the auditorium, dancing lessons have taken place, suits have been hired, masks have been made or purchased, dresses have been made or purchased and the hairdressers are fully booked out for the magical night of the Royal Masquerade Ball. This is a highlight of the senior calendar.

Waipu Primary Board of Trustees has been requested to investigate the idea of re-capitation for their school. This would mean that year 7 and 8 students could attend Waipu Primary. This issue pops up from time to time. The College understands the worry that some parents feel with regards to year 7 students being in a school with year 13 students. These fears are quickly allayed after their son/daughter has been in the college for a short time due to the College's whanau system and the homeroom teacher setup in year 7 and 8. The main argument for re-capitation is often that of choice, parents being able to choose either the College model or the primary model.



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All parents need to be aware that the Ministry of Education does not allow for choice without cost. If re-capitulation was to take place the College's zone would have to be changed and all year 7 and 8 students past the halfway point between the College and Waipu Primary would no longer be eligible to attend Bream Bay College. No bus service would be provided. Therefore there would be no choice. Please make sure that you have your say if you wish year 7 and 8 students in the Waipu - Langs area to have year 7 and 8 education in a year 7 to 13 setting.

Have you registered? The dental caravan is still at the college. We still have a large number of students who have not registered. Please complete the paper work and get it back to the school office so that they do not miss this opportunity.

Northland Rockquest Regional Final



Two bands represented Bream Bay College at the Rockquest Northland Regional Final in Whangarei on the 7th May. "Evenmore" and "Never Ending Story" performed two original songs against 12 other bands and they did it with style and there was not a sign of stage fright in sight.

Congratulations to Demi Mitchell, lead singer of "Never Ending Story", who won the APRA Lyrics Award for her song "Wonder Woman" which will go on to the National competition. It was great to see so many Bream Bay supporters in the audience enjoying themselves on the night.

School Basketball

Bream Bay College has entered a team into the Friday night Basketball League, held at Kensington Stadium. Their coach is Reremoana Lee. The team train at the college after school on a Friday. Their first game was against Whangarei Girls High School Green. Great defensive skills from Arlena Mita and Nadine Josephs, with Shayna Lee heading the table in attack. Bream Bay College won 28-8. Well done girls. Best of luck with the rest of the competition.



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Manu Korero Speech Competition

On the 17,18 and 19th May a group of 10 students travelled to Kerikeri to participate in Nga Manu Korero Regional Speech Competition 2008 held in Kerikeri.

There were 17 schools participating in this event. We had two speakers from Bream Bay College. Speaking in the Junior English category (Tai turu) Malicia Ngati spoke about "I am apart of Nature". Aryahn Pitman-Smith spoke in the Senior English category (Korimako) about "What does it mean to be self-determining?" All the speeches were very inspiring and they brought across messages that we all need to take in.

It was an amazing event to be apart of and the students who participated found it was an experience of a life-time. Take advantage of this opportunity if you get the chance in the future.

Yr 12 Enterprising Students



Our Year 12 Enterprise students recently competed well in the recent Northland Enterprise Presentations.

The group has developed their own designs for T shirts and will be having these produced in time for sale at the school's market day in Term 3.

Devon, Corey and Henry giving their interpretation of a great day had by all at the Enterprise Presentations

Numeracy Project

The Bream Bay College numeracy initiative is progressing splendidly. There is enthusiastic participation in the mathematic games that provide the whanau focus for this term. Mrs Buckland with the assistance of other members of the mathematics department at the school have put together some excellent, high interest activities



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which have been carefully selected to maximise numeracy skills. There is virtually 100% involvement in the activities in afternoon whanau periods on three days of the week." I am most impressed," said Mrs Pengelly, the teacher in charge of whanau programming for the year, "and I hope the literacy project we have planned for term 3 will be as successful".

Science Fair

Students in years 7 to 10 should now have decided their investigation topic for this year's Science Fair. However, there are ideas on MyClasses for students who have difficulty deciding what to do. Of course students can discuss their idea with their science teacher. The deadline for completing investigations is the end of week 1 of term 3. Completed investigations will go on display for marking at the start of week 2 next term. Display boards are available at a cost of \$7 payable at the office.

Southern Zone Cross-Country 2008



On May 29th Bream Bay College sent a team of 33 students to compete in the Southern Zone Cross Country held at Otamatea. The weather had turned it on for us; it was a fantastic day. The course was set amongst farm land with a few hills and obstacles thrown in. Just some of the results from the day were: Tessa Paton 6th -Sub-junior girls, Sam Moffat 4th -Sub-junior boys, Braden Keown 3rd -Sub-junior boys, Brooke Jones 2nd -Junior girls, Danielle Newton 3rd -Junior girls,



Fraser Coutts 1st -Junior Boys, Jake Moffat 2nd -Intermediate boys, Gilli Costello 3rd -Senior Boys, Dustin Morunga 3rd -Senior Boys. Congratulations to the Bream Bay College team. A great effort was put in by everyone. On June 5th we are sending a team of 9 to compete in the NSSS Cross-Country at Barge Park in Whangarei.



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Speech Finals

Bream Bay College speech finals were held on Tuesday 3 June and as usual the speeches were entertaining and informative. The Year 7 and 8 finalists spoke with confidence and their topics had strong audience appeal. The winner of the Year 7/8 section was Danielle Newton with her speech on "The Good Old Days". Ella Stolwerk was only one mark behind as second with her speech on fishing. Third place was taken by Rhiannon Sim and Jordan Cox.

The year 9 and 10 speech contest followed on from the year 7 and 8 one and the audience found Sam Ellis' speech on Bill Gates intriguing. Sam took first place, followed closely by Kent Duffus with his useful and well researched speech on healthy eating. He was not recommending the MacDonaldd way. Victor Savelyeva showed his competence with English and his personal persuasiveness when he spoke on Penguins.

The Senior Speech finals had some very strong finalists and the array of topics on the Art of Persuasion was impressive. Rachelle Cox took first place with her clever and humorous speech on celebrity contracts. Renee Bayer who took second place spoke about extending personal boundaries, something that Renee has had first hand experience of when she did her Everest trip in the last summer holidays. Aryahn Pitman- Smith Came third with her speech on self determination.



Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country

On Thursday 5th June Bream Bay College had a team of 8 students competing in the Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs. The course at Barge Park in Maunu had a few hills and obstacles. Once again the weather was fantastic, making a great setting for the day. It has been a while since Bream Bay





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has sent a team into the Northland Cross Country, so we didn't know quite what to expect. The students all had a great day. Some of the results were, Danielle Newton 3rd place in the Year 7/8 girls, Sam Moffat was placed 8th in the Year 7/8 boys and Braden Keown was placed 11th. Gilbert Costello was placed 8th in the senior boys. Well done to the Bream Bay College team; everyone put in an awesome effort.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

June

- 13 School Ball
- 17 BOT Meeting - 7pm - Staffroom
- 18 College Day
- 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

June 08

- 16 NSSS Rugby League Tournament
- 18 College Day
- 18 Clay Target, Kaikohe

Term 3

July 08

- 25 NSSS Squash Tournament
- 30 Senior NSSS Badminton Tournament