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He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Term 2 is about to draw to a close with most staff and students looking forward to a well deserved break. The cold weather, constant winds and lots of relief teachers due to sickness and professional development has resulted in an unsettled end of the term. The pastoral care team has been kept busy dealing with a constant array of incidents which include students using the wrong language. As a result of this the College will be focusing on language and respect in the first weeks of term 3. Other principal's I have talked to report similar issues and an unsettled feeling in their schools also. Roll on term 3.

The Ministry of Education School Engagement Initiative has been working with eleven schools in Northland of which Bream Bay College is one. It is amazing the opportunities that are being offered by the Northland schools and the progress that has been made in reducing the number of suspensions and stand-downs, lifting the attendance rates and engaging students in learning. The atmosphere of sharing and looking out for the good of the region is commendable. Raewyn Gregory, the MOE facilitator, is to be commended for her efforts.

It is easy when the school feels unsettled to lose sight of the fact that the great majority of our students are still out there doing the right thing and giving it their best. The rockquest semi finals at Tikipunga on Sunday 18th June saw three out of the three bands from Bream Bay College get through to the Rockquest finals. Well done to Lyrical, DMH and Out Cold. The mid winter Music Night was a great example of students strutting their stuff. We had a hundred and fifty performers in total. The audience was treated to an hour of music from our bands followed by an enthusiastic and relaxed performance from our kapahaka and then the dress rehearsal of our stage challenge. The College auditorium was packed and a good time was had by all.

The College has purchased the Seaman's Mission building and will have it moved onto its site in the near future. This building is 18m long x 8m wide. We will convert it into a student welfare centre with an 8m x 6.6m meeting room, two medical offices, a guidance counsellor office, a gateway office and a careers reception office. As this building will be a board owned building we will be seeking community support to fit it out. Our local Lions Clubs have been approached and are supportive. Any parent with a trade background would be welcome to assist. We are also looking for a small kitchen bench with a sink in it along with hand basins. Please contact the College if you can help.

Twenty one students left on the Fiji trip on Wednesday of this week. Mr Hansen has put together an exciting programme and we publish a write up of their exploits early term 3. Mr Hansen often reminds the students that gaining an education at school is about seizing the opportunities that are presented to you. We are very appreciative of the opportunities that he organises for our students.

The Senior Exams finished today. We have told our senior students that they are not required at school tomorrow. Being pragmatic, having the Fiji trip students away and it being the last day of term lead us to the conclusion that our senior attendance statistics would not be good for this day so we have given the senior students the day off. All students have English research to carry on with and those students who have Art deadlines to meet can use the College facilities available for all



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seniors who wish to come in and take advantage of them. All juniors are expected to be at school. Please mark in your diaries the Parents report day on August 9th. More details will follow in the future newsletters.

We wish all our students a great break and look forward to seeing them all again on Monday 17th of July.

Global Enterprise Challenge



The Northland Global Enterprise Team featuring Brooke & Danielle Duffield and Jared Gravatt from Bream Bay College with Pam Ford of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise

Northland fielded six students into the New Zealand leg of the international Global Enterprise Challenge held at the Massey University campus in Albany this week.

The students were drawn from two of Northland's leading Education For Enterprise schools, Jared Gravatt, Danielle Duffield and Brooke Duffield from Bream Bay College, and Steven Ruddell,



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James Burton and Reuben Otto from Springbank School. Jared and Steven were part of Team New Zealand, the winning team that presented to the rest of the world and the international judges.

Two awards were given internationally. Wales received the overall award and Team New Zealand received the award for Innovation and Outstanding Creativity. The Team developed a Filter to remove green house gas emissions from a car exhaust. It was commented by one of the international challenge judges in Scotland that "Team New Zealand's product was the biggest innovation in solving the challenge since the invention of the internal catalytic converter."

2006 Bream Bay College Ball

After 4 days of battling bubble wrap and cellophane in the rafters, assaulting unyielding walls with spray paint and paper, the Bream Bay College Auditorium transformed under the watchful eyes of Ms Mitchell.

Once complete with a 'Hollywood' sign and a red-carpeted grand entrance, it was ready to host the stars and celebrities of Bream Bay.

As eight o'clock rolled around the guests began to arrive, in couples, in groups, emerging from stretch limos, Model A Fords, V8 Cougars, Utes, etc. Our Head Prefects, Richard Sims, Natalie Walker and Sandra Cullen greeted everyone at the door, along with our Principal and his wife, Mr & Mrs Buckland.

The students of Bream Bay College and their guests started their night of 'top-hats and tails', 'glitter and glam' in front of the flashing cameras of the 'paparazzi'. Beverages were served by charming waitresses and waiters as the music began. Local band "Tempest Fugit" and a DJ from Northland DJ's entertained the crowd all night with a wide variety of music. Stilettos were soon abandoned as the dancing began.

The dance floor was packed for the entire night with energetic students and the equally enthusiastic teachers.

The only time the dance floor was cleared was when the curtains were parted to reveal the fruits of Mrs Gardner's and Mrs Burrow's labour. Platters of delicious food, pastries, lollycake and savouries beckoned to the masses.

Once the platters were cleared of tasty titbits, the dancing resumed with renewed enthusiasm. A steady stream of the gorgeously attired celebrants also went past the photographer striking painstakingly practised poses.

Soon attention was called to the stage, the music quietened - it was time to present the prizes. The prizes were generously donated by Orrs Pharmacy, Headfirst Hairstudio, The Bookend, The Thistle, Waipu Stationery and Lotto, Waipu Pharmacy and The Highlander Hair Studio. The Best Actor and Actress awards went to Yoshi Yurihara and Sandra Cullen. Best Supporting Actor and Actress went to Gary Smyth and Nikki Cowan. Best Up and Coming Actor and Actress went to Thomas



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Rihari and Sheree Green. Best hair went to Mereana Paki's lovely curls and best dancer went to the talented Te Aroha King.

Midnight came too soon and everyone left before they turned into pumpkins. As for the Bream Bay College Ball..... it was perfect.

Chess



Khan McDonald & Blair Young nutting out in a game of Chess.

During Term 2 Bream Bay College held a chess competition for all students and teachers. At times, especially during wet lunch times the library was filled with people playing chess. Many students who previously had no idea how to play chess learnt to play during the term.

The format was open invitation. Any student from any year group could play any other student or teacher. Games were timed at either 20 minutes or 40 minutes. Points were scored based on the number of pieces remaining on the board at the end of the game. This was an approach to encourage a defensive and more tactical approach rather than a gung-ho-capture-everything-in-sight strategy.



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The maximum number of points that could be scored was 63, although if a pawn was manoeuvred to the opponent's end then another queen could be added and more than 63 scored. Only one person achieved this during the tournament, our school Guidance Counsellor Shaun Davsion who revealed himself to be a real chess demon!

Mid way through the tournament Bream Bay entered a team of senior students into the Northland Secondary Schools Chess Championship at Whangarei Boys High School. The boys were a real credit to the school and Miguel Manzano and Gideon Martinez performed especially well.

By the end of Term 2, nearly 500 games had been played and scored. Winners were announced in a full school assembly. Special mention must go to Andrew Howard in Year 7 and Louise Chase in Year 9 who showed great enthusiasm and played more games than anyone else. However, the winners below were the students who averaged more than anyone else in their year group after playing 5 or more games.

Year 7/8	Toni Tahere
Year 9	Gideon Martinez
Year 10	Norman Dalebrook
Year 11	Thomas Rihari
Year 12/13	Chance Gray
Teachers	Shaun Davison

The overall school winner for 2006 was Toni Tahere in Year 7/8 – congratulations. We hope to run a similar competition next year.

Gateway

So far this year we have approximately 17 students who are currently doing or who have just finished their Gateway Work Experience Placements.

A huge thanks to local industry who have provided work experience – Glen Payne – Just'stop'n'Cove Plastering, Craig Van Beek – Computer Technician, Earby Kitchen & Cabinet Makers, Waipu Golf Club, Donovans Drainage & Construction, Ribbon/Rosette Creation – Tina Hills, Mag Warehouse - Whangarei, and Celtic Curls – Lyn Isherwood. Please support these businesses, without them our Gateway Programme would not be as effective as it is!

We are also putting some groups of students through specific courses to gain skills and then to do the work experience (Approx 30 students in total). Students this term have done a Forestry course, and a Film/Television course, and next term we have a Hospitality course planned.

We then need to find MORE work experience placements for students for them to practice and develop the skills they have learnt at the courses. If your business is interested in taking on a motivated senior student/s for work experience, please contact me. This is an awesome opportunity for the student to gain workplace ethics and skills and also a great opportunity for you to get an idea of perhaps a future employee. This is at no cost to the employer and I provide any equipment/clothing the student may need. The student comes and works either 1 full day per week on a regular basis, or during school holidays (the programme is flexible and we will develop the placement in regards to the employer, student and school needs.)

Give me a call to discuss anything.

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Science & Technology Fair

On the 20th of June a group of Bream Bay students were presented with certificates of Achievement as they will represent the school at the Whangarei Regional Science and Technology Fair on the 20th of August this year at Forum North. These students are Sean McCully with “Did you know about Didymo”- applied science, Georgia Cumming with “Trash Basher”- Technology, Chelsea Mitchell with “Clever Kennel”- Technology, Kent Duffus with “Paintball Camo”- Technology, Brittany Couper with “Time Driven Automatic Cat Opener”- Technology, Teriana Maheno with “The Rocky Shore”- Investigation, Lisa Mackay with “Mangrove Salt Glands”- investigation, Angela Buckland with “Vitamin C in Vegetables”- Investigation, Briar McGregor with “Mangrove Salt Secretions”- Investigation, Dean Gillingham with “Acquiring a Skill”- Investigation, Elle Macartney with “Ironised”- Investigation, Louise Chase with “The pain of Stain”- Investigation, Kate Hansen, Maddy Smith and Teresa Larsen with “Paper Towels”- Investigation, Craig Gillingham with “A Comparison of Monocular and Binocular Vision”- Investigation.

The school would like to take this opportunity to thank the Waipu and Marsden Lions for their on going support of this school event.

Boys Soccer



Cameron Pepperell showing his skills with a corner kick off.



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Up to the end of May 2006, the Senior Soccer boys have achieved great success. They have played three games and won all three. The boys have shown great commitment to after school training sessions. They have continued to build on the success laid down by coach Ian Duffield from 2005 and truly look as strong as any Northland secondary school team. Mark Hooper has taken over as coach and mentor for 2006 and with his skill and expertise the team has shown that it is definitely on the way up and forward with the potential to finish at the top of the Northland Secondary Schools soccer league.

College Day

College Day turned into a cool but fine day for out students held at Kensington on Wednesday 21st June. With so many other things going on and the lead up to exams, our contingent this year was small featuring hockey, netball, sport climbing, table tennis and trapshooting that make up the teams. The participants enjoyed the day and it's good to see the fun ingredient of sport that College Day brings with it. Clearly an enjoyable sporting day which hopefully more of our students will take advantage of this opportunity next year.

2006 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1	7 Feb – 13 April
Term 2	1 May – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 Oct – 14 December

UP & COMING EVENTS – TERM 2

25-26	Northland Careers Expo – Whangarei
26-29	Senior Exams
28	Fiji Trip departs Bream Bay College
30	Last day of term 2