



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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Newsletter Information May 11th 2006

From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Term 2 start

Week 2 started in a way that all schools dread. We had four separate incidents of students smoking marijuana at school. Given the number of students involved it is very timely to reiterate the Colleges stance on drugs and go over what happens to students who are found with or smoke drugs at school along with the effects drugs have on students' education. Any student who is found to be involved with drugs or uses drugs at school is offered the opportunity to be conferenced and as a result of the conference go on the Rubicon contract. This contract is a four way contract between the student, the school, the parents and the police. It involves random drug testing and counselling along with requirements to meet behaviour standards at school. In the past this contract has proved to be very successful with most students staying drug free and becoming model citizens. If a student breaks their contract or refuses to go on contract they are referred to the Board of Trustees who will make a decision on whether they can continue at the College. I am pleased to say that all students involved with the marijuana incidents are now on contracts.

Students who use marijuana are likely to ruin their education. The effects of THC stops or reduces information going from short term memory to long term memory. The picky-ness created by being on a low while not using causes the students to disrupt classes and prevent others from learning. The effects of all the substances in marijuana are multiplied by up to 10 times due to the rapid changes happening in the student's body while they are a teenager due to their rapid growth.

As a parent if you think your child is involved in the drug scene, please talk to us as we can arrange for a test to confirm your suspicions or prove that drugs are not a problem. Many of our current students on drugs contract have voluntarily signed themselves up as they want to kick the habit. The College is here to help in these matters.

The start of term 2 has been a pressure time for many of our senior students with many having 3 plus internal assessments on the go at the same time and as a result they are showing signs of stress. We are looking at how we can avoid this happening in the future. As parents you can help by looking closely at the year assessment schedule for each subject and helping them plan their busy lives to take account of the assessment pressures.

Teacher only day: Friday 26th of May. There will be no classes on Friday 26th of May as all teaching staff from Bream Bay College will be at Tikipunga High School attending an information communication professional development day. All staff from Tikipunga High School, Tuararoa Area School and Pompallier College will be in attendance also. We apologise for any inconvenience.



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Senior Debating

Our Senior Debating team- Teriana Maheno, Brooke Duffield, Danielle Duffield and Marina Macartney - are showing their class by dealing to prominent Auckland schools in the Auckland Inter-Collegiate Debating competition. This is an Auckland-wide competition and the Bream Bay team is competing in the Central zone (with 22 other teams) located at Diocesan School for Girls on Tuesday evenings.

After a lucky default by an Epsom Girls team in the first round, when they would have had to argue that we are prepared for a flu pandemic, the Bream Bay girls have won against Dio- arguing that censorship is necessary in a democracy, against Rangitoto College- arguing that schools should be tougher on difficult students!, and last week against Auckland International College- negating the moot that international students do not receive enough support in New Zealand. The last debate was against a team of international students!

From round three, all debates have been limited preparation; this means that the team are given only one hour to prepare their debate and are not allowed outside assistance. Teriana has achieved the distinction of being awarded “top debater” in the last three debates. Another win will see the college team into the All-Auckland finals round.

Waikato University Trip





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Thirty Bream Bay College students travelled with their Careers Adviser to visit Massey University, Albany and the University of Auckland and onto the Waikato University Open Day.

This trip is a valuable resource for our senior students who get to have a real life taster of what University life is all about.

As part of the co-curricular opportunities offered to Intermediate students in 2006 a small group also had the opportunity to attend an open day at the Waikato University Campus on 5th May 2006.

These students were able to look around the university campus and experience many exciting opportunities. a brief outline follows.

The students started with a tour around the Earth Science department which included going into the labs. The students then went to the Physics and Engineering laboratories to experiment with equipment. The next stop was the Chemistry department where the students watched displays and then had an opportunity to blow stuff up with combustible chemicals and watch the projectiles fly down the lab. After a breather it was down to the Design Engineering workshops to view projects such as the self vacuuming water tank, dairy milk drying machine, hull designs and the smelting of melt alloys. The student had a go operating the flow channel and the wing tunnel. The last activity was where the student had a go at injection moulding plastic.

After a short break they toured the Mathematics department and then went on to Computer Science. The highlight for the students was the gaming lab. Here they were able to match their gaming skill against computers on games that dated back as far as 1962. Special thanks to Andrea Chase and Ginny Gardner for organising these events.

Abby McLean - Success in Adelaide – Highland Dancing

Congratulations to Abby McLean who participated in the Australasian Highland Dancing Championships in Adelaide in the April holidays.

Abby was dancing against 22 other dancers and her results were 4th overall in the Champion of Champions, 6th in Reel, 6th in Highland Fling, 3rd Swords, 3rd in Seann Triubhas, 2nd Village Maid, 3rd Scotch Measure, 4th Flora, 4th Scotch Measure and 3rd in Flora.

Abby was 4th overall for the Nationals on the first day and 4th overall in the Nationals on the second day. She won \$290 Australian for her performances.





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ANZAC Assembly

The official party made up of the invited guests: Jack Campbell, Geoff Gray, Peter Gardner, Coffee Hall, Bert Worthy, Archie Dixon veterans Fraser Sims veterans, Keith Aitken and Ken Cooper with the College Band, the prefects, the College pipe band, Deputy Principals and the Principal

Bream Bay College commemorated the “Year of the Veteran” at their special ANZAC day service. Mr Archie Dixon the President of the Whangarei RSA addressed the students. Special guests were Mr Bert Worthy from WWII Army, Middle East and Italy, Colonel Fraser Sim, Army in Malaysia, Mr Geoff Grey, President of Waipu RSA and Airforce in Vietnam, Mr Coffee Hall, Army in Korea, Mr Jack Campbell, Navy in Korea and Mr Peter Gardner, Army in Vietnam. Bream Bay College appreciates the books presented to their school Library by the RSA - these will make a valuable contribution to the ANZAC section. Archie Dixon was the guest speaker. Archie spoke forcefully on the responsibilities of those who are here today to take advantage of the hard won freedoms that our servicemen and women fought for and won for them. “Lest we forget”

Fiji tour Group Raffle Results

Congratulations to:-

1st prize - \$60 Meat Voucher – Ticket No: 220 – Melissa Carran

2nd prize - \$40 Meat Voucher – Ticket No: 161 – Julie Malone



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2006 SCHOOL TERMS 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

1 May	First day of Term 2
2 May	Anzac Service Assembly
3 May	Australian Science Competition
3 May	Tertiary Careers Trip departs
4 May	2007 Tai Tokerau Festival meeting – Whare @ 6pm
5 May	Intermediated Gifted & Talented trip to Waikato University
5 May	Tertiary Careers Trip returns
8 May	Treaty Tour Exhibition - Whangarei
9 May	School photos-Whanau/classes/teams/groups
10 May	PTA Meeting 7.30pm in staffroom: Guest- A Chase, Topic-Science Fair
11 May	Australian Maths Competition
16 May	BOT Meeting 7pm
18 May	Nominations close for BOT By-Election
18 May	Ugly Shakespeare Performance-2pm
18 May	Whanau Support meeting 5.30pm - Whare
18 May	Yr 12/13 Health Camp
25 th May	Gifted and Talented Jumbo Day
29-31 May	BBC Science Fair
30 May	Australian Writing Competition