



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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Newsletter Information May 26th 2006

From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

We are now half way through term 2 with all aspects of the College running smoothly.

Last week we had six staff complete Restorative Practices Facilitator training with Margaret Thorsborn. We are now approach 75% of our staff having been trained in using Restorative Practices to solve discipline issues. We look forward to their new injection of enthusiasm and suggestions on how we can improve our practice so that we become a truly restorative school.

The senior ball will take place on Friday 9th of June. If you are interested in helping with security either outside or inside the auditorium please contact Mr Bayer. As usual there will be a breathalyser at the door. This is the only school event where students are allowed to have a glass of alcohol if their parents deem it ok and then attend the school function. If their breath alcohol test fails they will not be allowed to enter the ball. In the past we have had issues with students who come to the ball for a very short time. We have relayed our expectations to all our students re staying for the whole function and look forward to packed house all night.

The PPTA (Post Primary Teachers Union) has given us notice that their members have been directed to attend a 'Paid Union Meeting' on Thursday 15th of June from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. As a result the College will close early at 1.05pm. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Attendance has been closely monitored this year. We have been successful in getting some long term truants back to school and we are pleased with the attendance rates for years 7 to 10 with years 9 and 10 having an absent rate (all reasons, explained and otherwise) of 5.4%. We are concerned that our years 11 to 13 rate is 11% and this concern is reflected by a level of frustration in our senior teachers. Parents please help us by ensuring that your year 11, 12 and 13 students attend on all days. Their progress is being effected if they are absent from school even for a short period.

The first ICT (Information Communication Technology) Professional Development day was a great success for our cluster, Bream Bay College, Tauraroa Area School, Pompallier College and Tikipunga High School. John Langley, Head of the Auckland University Teacher Training programme started the day with a provocative opening address on teaching now and into the future. All staff then attended subject specific workshops where facilitators from each school presented some ways in which ICT is used in their school. The afternoon was filled with presentations to all staff on integrating ICT. The ICT PD 'teacher only day' in term 2 will have a key focus on net safety and will follow up on identified issues from the first day.

The senior exams start on Monday 26th of June (Week 9). All seniors should be going over their work so that they are prepared for these exams. Please help them by reminding them that some time each weekend and after school should be put towards study, not just homework and internal assessments.



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The College Doctor continues to be well used by our students. Please remember that he is in the school on Tuesdays and Fridays and that students can see him for free re any medical concern.

Finally it has happened. We have set up an electronic mailing list where the members of the list receive copies of our newsletters and other interesting information. To subscribe to this list, please send an email, from the address that you wish to receive the newsletters, to newsletter-request@breembaycollege.school.nz with the word 'subscribe' (without the quotation marks) in the body of the message. Often there are items that are not published in the Report due to space issues but all of these plus more will be in the electronic newsletter. We look forward to seeing the mailing list grow. So far we have sent to everyone on the mailing list 2 newsletters, 1 careers update and 2 mini newsletter updates.

Cross Country:

Mud, Mud, glorious mud. On Friday 12th May we held our annual cross country at Finlayson's Farm. The weather was extremely cold, wet and windy and the conditions extremely muddy. The number of pupils competing in the running and walk combined were similar to last year with the number of runners being more than in 2005.

Many thanks to Graham Finlayson for the use of his farm, to all the parents who turned out to support their children in the cold and to all the pupils who assisted with marshalling, recording and time keeping. The junior girls, intermediate girls and senior boys were all very closely contested races providing the spectators with nail biting finishes.

Final results were:

	1st	2nd	3 rd
Sub junior girls	Siobhan Hayward (19.30)	Melissa Carran	Roxanne Josephs
Sub junior boys	Fraser Coutts (20.10)	Rhayden Teokotai	Bodie Stevens
Junior girls	Elle Macartney (21.03)	Abby McLean	Rochelle Cox
Junior boys	Jake Moffat (21.54)	Jack Malone	Sean McCully
Intermediate girls	Nadya Worthy (26.41)	Marina Macartney	Laura McLean
Intermediate boys	Simon Pereira (27.07)	Gilbert Costello	Daniel Crawford
Senior girls	Mereana Paki (38.59)	Kate Penning	Sidra Kouser
Senior boys	Dylan Lynch (44.01)	Steven Abercrombie	Ben Mathers

In a hotly contested house competition Inverness dominated the sub junior and junior competition, with Argyll intermediates and seniors doing relatively well within their grades.

Final results were

1 st	Inverness	372 points
2nd	Ross	316 points
3 rd	Argyll	284 points
4 th	Sutherland	272 points



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Mark Hooper presenting possible ways that Information Communication Technology can be used to enhance the learning of Mathematics to teachers from Bream Bay College, Tikipunga High School, Pompallier College and Tauraroa Area School

Manu Korero 2006

Manu Korero speech competitions have come upon us once again and we are fortunate to have some very keen and enthusiastic participants this year both within the Junior and Senior sections. Manu Korero speeches are an important kaupapa for our Maori youth as it gives us taiohi the opportunity to speak out about the issues that face them now and in their future. This year the Manu Korero competitions will be held at Northland College in Kaikohe on the 14,15,16 of June 2006.

Noreira e nga kaitiaki tamariki, ko tatou tena, kia kaha ki te hapai i nga tamariki kit e tutuki pai i tenei kaupapa ma tatou te iwi Maori.

Noreira tena tatou katoa



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Scavengers come to the party again: Yvonne Judge, Leanne Osborne, Katie Pickford and Netta Morgan with Natalie Walker and Sandra Cullen handing over a cheque to financially support the College Fiji trip

Science Technology and Mathematics JUMBO Day 25.5.06

On the 25th of May 58 students from years 7-12 were involved in the Science Technology and Mathematics JUMBO Day .The day provided an opportunity for students to be exposed to a variety of Science Technology and Mathematics exploits in the local Bream Bay and Whangarei district community in an up front and personal way.

The day began with a presentation from the NRC dealing with resource consents, this generated a lot of discussion and debate. This was followed by an informative presentation on Aquaculture in the local area given by Mr. James Miller from Oceans Blue Ltd. It was a very humorous discussion. Its hard





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to believe that Paua could have such individual personalities. It was then time to put brain power into action. This involved the construction of a pier from limited resources. There were a few interesting feats of engineering generated in this Technology Challenge. This was organized by Mr. Trail.

After a short break the day continued with 2 more presentations. NIWA was first up with an overview of its role in the New Zealand scientific scene followed by a presentation from DOC. Next on the agenda was a MATHEx competition organized by Mr. Hooper.

After lunch the students were given a presentation from 2 young engineers who work for Transfield Worley now at the refinery. The students were given an insight into the different parts of their training and an overview of the different types of engineering training options.

Last up was a presentation from Mr. Saunders from Northland Polytechnic. This was a very interactive presentation involving looking at bugs and various career options in different scientific areas.

The College wishes to thank all the presenters for giving up their time to expose our students to the wonders of the real world.

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

May

29-31	BBC Science Fair
30	Australian Writing Competition
30	Forestry Course at BBC

June

2	Mufti Day – gold coin donation
5	Queens Birthday – school closed
7	Tai Tokerau Festival Meeting – 6pm
8	X Country - Otamatea High School
9	College Ball
14	PTA Meeting
15	Music Night – 7pm Adults: \$4, Children \$3
20-21	Stage Challenge
21	College Day – Whangarei



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| 21 | Clayshooting |
| 22 | Whanau Support Meeting 5.30pm |
| 22 | Junior Blues Assembly 2.30pm Auditorium |
| 23 | Social/Mufti Day |
| 25-26 | Northland Careers Expo – Whangarei |
| 26-29 | Senior Exams |
| 28 | Fiji Trip departs Bream Bay College |