



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome back to Bream Bay College for 2010. Term 1 has started smoothly. It is a short term of only nine weeks. It was good to see our students taking advantage of being able to access their timetables electronically via the web and then coming to see the Deans where required on our pre-school options checking day. Class sizes are looking good across the school due to the good work done by Mr Hansen with his timetabling for 2010.

Our Powhiri for our new teachers and students took place on Wednesday 3rd of February at 9.00am. We welcomed 103 new students to the College and ten new staff members. Bream Bay College has talented children achieving in all areas to the highest levels. Our new students come with equally impressive talents. They have shown themselves to be keen to learn and have settled in very well. Our Ministry of Education predicted roll was 450 students whereas we predicted around 460 students. Currently however, we have 488 students on our roll. It has been pleasing to see parents choosing to live in the Bream Bay area so that their children can attend Bream Bay College.

Bream Bay College's existing staff have been complemented by an influx of talented new individuals. Robyn Weir has taken over Enterprise, Accounting and Economics from Mr Duffield who retired after 24 years teaching at the College. Callum Waldron, New Zealand-trained but fresh from England, has taken over from Barbara Pengelly as HOD English. Teresa Rehmann has taken over from Margo Wakelin, who retired after twelve years as teacher of Chemistry and Science. Tony Baker, ex - Surf Life Saving New Zealand and teaching prior to that, is filling in for Hannah Johnson who is on study leave for 2010. Junie Shelford, an ex Bream Bay College student, is filling in for Lisa Watson who is on study leave for 2010. Jo Mayne, ex Hod PE at Corran School, is filling in for Sarah Jane Kidd in Dance and PE. Melanie Dougan, English teacher, is continuing to fill in for Mrs Sherilyn Bradshaw who is on maternity leave. Leah Salisbury, Food Technology, has taken over from Teresa O'Connell. Ella Buckle has joined our Year 7 and 8 team as the teacher of the extra Year 7 and 8 class added for 2010. Jean Hunter has joined the staff in a newly structured role of Special Education Needs Co-ordinator. Alison Dalgleish has returned to the College for a year as a Project DP. Our new staff come with an amazing array of skills and talent. They have slotted into the College seamlessly and





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we look forward to their contributions towards keeping our students engaged and achieving at the highest levels.

The College Swimming Sports took place on Friday 5th of February, the results and further photos of which will appear in our next newsletter.



Year 13 students went on their Leadership Camp on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th of February. The camp was at the Taurikura Baptist camp in Whangarei Heads. Year 9 students attended the camp on Wednesday to work with the Year 13 students on an organised Peer Assisted Programme. There will be details of the activities and photos in the next newsletter. As for Year 12, Mr Hooper is looking at organising a camp for them in Term 2 or 3 this year.

Parent helpers wanted. Our Athletics Sports is being held on Thursday 18th February. All parents are welcome to come along and watch. If you would like to assist, please send an email to mcarran@breambaycollege.school.nz to let her know or see her on the day.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Tuesday 16th February at 7.00pm in the staffroom, and, as usual, parents are welcome to attend. If you are considering standing for the Board of Trustees in the tri-annual elections to be held this year, this is a golden opportunity to see what happens and learn a few of the ropes.



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Parents of Year 12 /13 students are invited to a BBQ on Wednesday 17th of February from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at the College pool - do bring your togs and sausages, bread and salad will be available. Parents may use the school BBQ if they wish to cook steak etc. The evening is an opportunity to meet the senior teachers and discuss what is required to be a successful senior student.

Following on from the BBQ will be the first PTA meeting - Wednesday 17th February. These meetings are held in the staffroom at 7.30pm and they are an opportunity to give feedback to the school and ask questions about how the school functions.

The Year 7/8 family BBQ will be held on Wednesday 24th of February from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at the College pool - again, do bring your togs. Parents will be able to talk to their son/daughters homeroom teacher about their progress and how well they have settled in. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Bream Bay College has 8 Mufti days in a year, the first being on Friday 26th of February. All proceeds from Mufti days and Socials go to the Student Councils to be spent on projects the students wish to support around the school.

The College has purchased a new Ford Transit van (twelve seater) for use with school trips etc. We will publish a photo in our newsletter once the signwriting is completed.

The College has done a quick analysis of its NCEA pass rates for 2009. They are all around the 70% level for Level 1, 2 and 3 and above the national average for each level. Exact details will be published when NZQA unlocks the analysis section of its website in March. We are pleased with our results but we are already working hard on improving them for 2010.

NCEA Parents' Meeting - Monday 15th February 7.00pm in the library will address queries or concerns from any Many parents are not sure about the NCEA system. This is your opportunity to find out how it works and how you can support your son/daughter to achieve within it. We look forward to seeing you there. This meeting is suitable for parents of Year 10 to 13 students but of course parents from any level may attend.

'Maths buddy' is here. All Year 9 to 13 maths students will have a login and password that will allow them to complete their electronically provided maths homework. They will also be able to access tutorials on any area of maths that they are having difficulties with. Parents, the maths buddy system will also email you the homework that needs to be completed provided we have your email address. This is an exciting new addition to the array of electronic learning opportunities available through the College. LEXIA reading will be the next role out. If you would like to register your email address with Beverley Webb email her direct on admin@breambaycollege.school.nz



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Dental Caravan

As part of promoting good health for our students the College is actively seeking to have all students register or attend a dental service. If your son/daughter is not enrolled with a dentist please assist by enrolling them with the Dental Caravan. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

The Northland District Health Board Public Dental Caravan is on site at Bream Bay College. Appointments are being made for Yr9-13 students over the next few weeks



by the Dental Team. If you are in need of emergency dental care phone 0800MYTEETH and an appointment will be made for you. Please do not hesitate to contact the Bream Bay College office for assistance with your queries.

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Assistance with Athletics Sports

As you are aware we have our annual Athletics sports in Week 3 - 18th February. In order for the day to run smoothly I need the help of parents or caregivers to assist with either time keeping or recording of field events. The day runs from 9am through to 3pm and your assistance would be required for the entire day. If you are able to help on Thursday 18th please would you either send a note into school with your son / daughter, email me or the office at skidd@breambaycollege.school.nz or admin@breambaycollege.school.nz by Friday 12th Feb at the latest. If you have a preference for either timekeeping or recording of field events please also let me know.

Your help will be very much appreciated by all staff.

UP & COMING TERM 1 EVENTS

Term 1 - 2nd Feb - 1st April

Term 2 - 19th April - 2 July

Term 3 - 19th July - 24 September

Term 4 - 11th October - 9th December

Week 1 - 2nd February - 5th February

Thursday 28th January - New Enrolment & Subject Changes for Yr 7-13

Tuesday 2nd February - School starts for Yr 7&8 and Yr13

Wednesday 3rd February - All students for all students, Powhiri - 9am in the Auditorium - all welcome

Friday 5th February - Swimming Sports - All welcome - please bring your hat & sunscreen

Week 2 - 8th February - 12th February

Monday 8th - 12th February - Stationery sales from the Bream Bay College Library

Monday 8th February - Northland District Health Board HPV talk with Yr 7&8 girls

Tuesday 9th & 10th February - Leadership Camp Yr13's - Taurikura Camp- Whangarei Heads

Wednesday 10th February - Yr 9's visit Yr 13's at Taurikura Camp- Whangarei Heads

Wednesday 10th February - New student Induction Luncheon

Week 3 - 15th February - 19th February



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Tuesday 16th February - BOT Meeting - 7pm
Wednesday 17th February - PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
Wednesday 17th February - Yr 12&13 Parent/Teacher BBQ at school pool 6pm
Thursday 18th February - Athletics sports - All welcome - please bring your hat & sunscreen

Week 4 - 22nd February - 26th February

Wednesday 24th February - Yr 7&8 Family BBQ - at school pool - 6pm
Wednesday 24th February - Pulse Day
Thursday 25th February - Whanau Support Meeting 5.30pm at the Whare
Friday 26th February - MUFTI Day

Week 5 - 1st March - 5th March

Monday 1st March - Holden Roadshow
Wednesday 3rd March - Southern Zone Athletics - at Bream Bay College
Saturday 6th March - Monday 8th March - Yr 12 Geography Trip to Tongariro