



BREAM BAY COLLEGE

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From the Principal

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa

It is good to see the return of settled weather and students once again being able to take full advantage of the fields. The students are in good spirits and there is a very positive vibe around the school.

We are very much at the business end of the year and now is the time when students need to step up and put their full effort into all that they do if they want to take the best advantage of the year. The Staff of the College have been encouraging all students to do this. Positive reinforcement from home will assist greatly.

Seniors need to be thinking about the term 4 exams in week 2. They will need to prepare a study programme to work through over the next set of holidays. Time is becoming scarce. After the term 4 exams there are only two more weeks of teaching before prizegiving week and the NCEA exams. The term 4 exams are about identifying what is known and areas that need strengthening. Prior study should mean that the focus after the exams is on lifting the grade, not just getting to achieved. It is worth noting that senior students should be setting aside 1 week for study in these next holidays.

Otamatea Year 7 and 8 Exchange. It was a pleasure to host Otamatea High School students at Bream Bay College for the year 7 and 8 sports exchange. The level of sportsmanship shown by both sides was high and the competition was intense. The College teams managed an impressive 4 wins out of 4. We look forward to the return challenge in 2010.

Week 7 and 8 have had a large number of students out due to Tournament week and the Senior Ski trip. It is timely to remind parents and students that there is an expectation of the students catching up on the work missed. Classes have continued as normal for all the students remaining at school. Teachers are happy to assist. Where a student has been away for a week there will be 25 hours worth of work to catch up on. This will take significant extra effort at home. Copying notes from a friend is always a good starting point and discussing the work. Asking the teachers where there are things that are not understood would be the next step. Please note: Teachers can not do the catch up for the students, they can only help.

Music Night: Wednesday 23rd of September at 7.00pm in the Bream Bay College Auditorium. Admission \$5 per adult and \$3 per child. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at what it sure to be a memorable event. All proceeds will be





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used to purchase further music equipment. Refreshments will be available at intermission.

Happily Ever After Play Night by the Year 7 and 8 Department: Friday 18th September at 7pm in Bream Bay College Auditorium. The evening will consist of a Kapahaka Performance and two plays based on Fairy Tales (as you have never seen them.) The first play is Beauty is a Beast and the second is Holka Polka. Come along and support the students. Admission is \$2. Refreshments will be available at intermission. All money raised will go towards the cost of props etc.

It was a pleasure to meet and talk with parents of 2010 year 7 students and have our head students show them around the College on Thursday 3 September. The selection of subjects and activities offered at school has changed dramatically in recent years. The parents had the opportunity to see the College in action. If you missed this opportunity and would like a tour, please contact Mrs Webb on 4328226 extn 703 to make an appointment.

At Tuesday's assembly the history of the College's uniform was explained to students. We are fortunate to have a uniform that was primarily selected by the students. We explained clearly our expectations to students on how it should be worn. We are looking forward to their cooperation and parent's assistance so that our uniform is worn with pride. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Computers in Homes: We have been granted 35 computers to give away to families as part of the computers in Homes project. We are looking to run the first 10 week parent training module and then give away the computers to the 7 to 10 families before xmas. If you do not have a computer or do not have internet, you could be eligible for one of these computers. Total cost is \$50 to cover cups of tea and power at the training sessions. Application forms are available from the school office.

Murray Jones First XV Rugby Shield

On Wednesday 26th August Bream Bay College First XV played Mahurangi College for the Murray Jones Shield. The whole game was very even with both teams giving 100% knowing the shield was up for grabs. At half time the score was still 0-0. A few times Mahurangi





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got close to scoring but Bream Bay managed to hold them off. Then late into the 2nd half the Bream Bay back line got the ball out to Denzel Macgregor who managed to get a great pass away to Harley Baxter, a newcomer to the team, who ran over the try line in the corner. This gave the Bream Bay team just the incentive they needed to keep going, but unfortunately Mahurangi got a good runaway try in the last few minutes. Both teams did not convert their tries. The full time score was 5 all. With a draw Mahurangi College get to hold on to the shield for another year. A wonderful effort by the Bream Bay College team who play all their games without the help of a coach. Thanks to Northland Rugby for supplying the referee and to Mahurangi College for making the trip North.

Daffodil Day

On Friday 28th August, the College took part in the selling of Daffodils for the Cancer Society. Eric Bettridge sold over \$500 worth in the town centre, Senior Students sold Daffodils in the local Supervalu. Thank you to Michelle Alison for allowing them to do this. The students raised over \$400 in the library where they had set up Daffodil heaven. Daffodils and Balloons were everywhere. \$1300 was raised by our local area. The College would like to acknowledge everyone in this whole area for giving so generously. All the money was taken into the Cancer Society and they were very grateful. Well done to all the organisers and supporters at Bream Bay College.





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First XV Rugby against Tauraroa

On Tuesday 18th August the Bream Bay College First XV Rugby team played Tauraroa. From the whistle Bream Bay dominated with their tackling and their ability to go forward putting pressure on the Tauraroa front row. Some awesome skills were shown by Fraser Coutts to get the ball out to his back line allowing



Denzel Macgregor and Jordan Marriner to finish it off with some great tries. The half time score was 17-0 to Bream Bay. The 2nd half slowed down a bit as we only had one sub and the weather had played its part with sunshine for all of the game making it extremely challenging out on the field. The team hung in there and kept the pressure on Tauraroa. Tries went to Josh Nightingale x2, Gilli Costello and Callum Gadd x2. Well done to the Bream Bay team winning the match 41-0, an awesome effort.

Otamatea Junior Sports Exchange

On Wednesday 26th August Bream Bay College hosted Otamatea High School for a junior sports exchange. It was a fantastic day with awesome results by all our teams. Well done to all the students who participated in the day, including the coaches and referees. The results were:





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Netball 24-9 to Bream Bay College

Hockey 14-4 to Bream Bay College

Rugby 12-10 to Bream Bay College

Football 9-3 to Bream Bay College

UP & COMING TERM 2 EVENTS

Week 6 - 24th August - 28th August

Monday 24th August - Yr 9 Option Change

Wednesday 26th August - Otamatea Junior Sports Exchange - 1pm kick off

Wednesday 26th August - 1st XV Rugby - Murray Jones Shield-1pm kick off

Thursday 27th August - Yr 9&10 Netball - Whangarei

Week 7 - 31st August - 4th September

Monday 31st August - Tournament Week - Netball, Hockey, Soccer

Thursday 3rd September - Whanau Support Meeting - Whare- 5.30pm

Week 8 - 7th September - 11th September

Wednesday 9th September - PTA - 7.30pm - BBC Staffroom

Week 9 - 14th September - 18th September

Monday 14th September - NCEA 1,2,3 PE Ski Trip

Friday 18th September - Yr 7&8 Drama Production

Friday 18th September - Mufti Day

Week 10 - 21st September - 25th September

Tuesday 22nd September - EXCEL performance - Assembly

Tuesday 22nd September - Mana Wahine Field Trip

Friday 25th September - Official Performing Arts Block opening

Friday 25th September - Last day of term