



# BREAM BAY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

## Unlocking Student Potential

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** Julian Cosgrove, Tumuaki Bream Bay College

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Kia ora koutou



We are at an important part of our school year as senior students are ensuring that they are well placed for success. We have Practice Exams in Week 10 which are a great opportunity for students to test themselves and get feedback about how to improve their performance in the end of year exams. Our expectations are that all students will be present and do their best in the practice examinations. Please be aware that Year 11 and 12 students will be wearing their school uniform for both practice and end of year exams. We ask that whānau support the learning of our students by ensuring they prepare and attend the practice examinations.

The school has been busy providing opportunities for our students to get involved in curriculum trips to a range of places. These trips help students to have a deep understanding of the topics they are studying and we thank the staff involved for organising and leading these valuable experiences.

It has been great to see how many activities our students have been involved in. There have been some great successes on the sports field and numerous lunchtime events to create a positive and healthy atmosphere. We encourage students to try new things and take advantage of the opportunities to have new experiences, develop new skills and meet new students from around our school.

Finally, I wanted to thank all our community for the support they offer our school through a variety of ways. This was most evident during our Market Days where we had hundreds of attendees happy to spend their 'Cosgrove Coins', and for the many whānau that attended our PST day to meet with our teachers, ngā mihi nui.



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In the recent **Northland Performing Arts Competitions**, Bream Bay College pianists Gabriella Uphof and Connor Williams won their age groups and were awarded with extra trophies as well!

Well done to them both for achieving such great results after all their practice and dedication.



### Pasifika group

This week our Bream Bay College Pasifika group performed for Bream Bay Educare and Bream Bay Kindergarten and taught them some moves! They hope to visit our primary schools and some of our ECE Centres next term. more of our ECE Centres next term.





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### Curriculum

# Practice exams...

# This is the serious time of the year....

Senior students are on Study Leave for 4 days, for practice exams, starting Monday 18th Sept through to Thursday, 21st. There is a supervised silent study room at school for students who need to be at school because of buses. Plus, teachers of practical subjects are offering time slots for completion of projects / internals for those who do not have many exams. We are focused on improving the culture around exams; communicating our clear expectations in assemblies and classes.

- ❖ Students need to be at the auditorium 10 minutes before their exam.
- ❖ Students line up in their subject lines.
- ❖ See-through plastic bags only for stationery.
- ❖ Cell phones off and in bags.
- ❖ Year 11 and 12 are to be in full uniform.
- ❖ A plastic water bottle only.

We want their practice examinations to be exactly the same experience as their final NCEA exams in Term 4, so there are no surprises for the students. The practice exams really matter in case a student needed a derived grade if the student could not sit their final exams. The practice exams are also really important so that teachers and students can do really purposeful targeted revision coming up to the finals based on the results and feedback of these exams. Please support your



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children with a quiet place to study and loads of encouragement to build confidence- for this upcoming week. Please see the Exam timetable below.

| DAY Week 10   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| DATE  | 18/9  | 19/9  | 20/9   | 21/9  |
| <b>8.30 - 11.30<br/>(including interval)</b>          | Level 1 English<br>Level 3 Physics<br><br>Level 2 Digi(ROOM 18 WITH SCOE) | Level 1 Maths<br>Level 2 Geography<br>Level 3 Business  | Level 2 English<br>Level 3 Geography<br>Level 1 Digi (ROOM 18 WITH SCOE)     | Level 1 Science<br>Level 2 History<br>Level 3 English   |
| <b>11.30 - 12.20<br/>Break time</b>                   |   |   |  |   |
| <b>12.20 - 3.20<br/>(including lunch and whaanau)</b> | Level 2 Biology<br>Level 1 Business<br>Level 3 History                    | Level 2 Chemistry<br>Level 1 History<br>Level 3 Biology | Level 2 Business<br>Level 3 Stat<br>Level 2 Physics (1 student with a clash) | Level 3 Chemistry<br>Level 2 Maths<br>Level 1 Geography |

Many thanks to Tracey Scott for her attention-to-detail for the organisation of the timetable and supervision for the exams. Many thanks to Ella Buckle and Hannah Edge (Learning Support) for their organisation of Special Assessment Conditions for our many students who need assistance with their learning and exams.

### **Up & Coming Events**

- 18-21 Sept            Practice Exams
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept            BOT Meeting - 6pm in the College Boardroom
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept            Compressed Day – last day of term  
Buses will depart at 1pm from Bream Bay College
- Term 4 begins        9<sup>th</sup> October



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