

Minutes of the Bream Bay College PTA
Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2016

Present:

Angela Hargreaves, Maree Wright, Alice and Peter Grant, Sandra Hayward, Carol Tolley, Beverley Webb, Yette de Jong, and Wayne Buckland.

Apologies:

M: Maree S: Bev

Sharon Carroll, Freya Lynch, Susan McRae, and Jane Hall.

Minutes from last meeting:

M: Maree S: Yette

Approved.

Correspondence – In and Out:

Nil

Matters Arising / Agenda Items:

M: Maree

- Variety Show

As mentioned in the latest newsletter, Bream Bay College has gone into partnership with the local MP - Dr Shane Reti - and the National Party, in agreeing to supply some acts for the National Party End-of-Year Variety Concert.

This is an amazing fundraising opportunity for the students involved, not to mention a great chance for them to perform to a high end packed audience. And what child wouldn't want to perform for their Prime Minister?!

We had a lengthy discussion about the appearance of the school affiliating itself with a political party. Wayne assured us that this was definitely not the intention of the school. We are simply just renting out the auditorium and supplying a few acts. We are already committed for this event, but if given the opportunity again, every effort will be made to better inform parents in case they have any concerns.

This event will be held in the Bream Bay College Auditorium on the 15th October.

Tickets will be available via Ticketek.

- Mates & Dates.

Presented by Sandra Hayward

Health Curriculum – Year 10. Next term the Year 10 classes will each receive 5 x 1hour sessions from two external facilitators (plus a teacher), on Violence and Coercion. Studies show that teaching effective violence prevention methods to young people makes them better equipped to engage in respectful relationships and build pro-social behaviours and skills.

The programme is run with ACC and the Police in partnership, and is designed for NZ Secondary School students from Year 9 to 13, but this year will be presented to the Year 10 students only.

It is designed to promote safe, healthy and respectful relationships among students and hopefully reduce sexual and dating violence in and outside of the school environment, improving young people's ability to relate without conflict. The aim is to increase knowledge and awareness of sexual and dating violence, to try and change attitudes and behaviours, build the students' ability to treat others with respect and to negotiate consent, and most importantly to teach them to expect respect themselves.

The programme is aligned with the Health and Physical Education learning area and key competencies of *The New Zealand Curriculum*

Each module has five key themes:

- [healthy relationships](#)
- [skills and consent](#)
- [identity, gender and sexuality](#)
- [when things go wrong](#)
- [keeping safe together](#)

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- Year 10 Exams.

These are to be held after the senior students have finished their exams in the auditorium.

Carol questioned whether the work students have completed online throughout the year is easily accessible for revision work, and also asked how to support the kids in helping them identify what exactly they need to revise for exams.

Teachers will be working with the students to ensure they know how to collate, structure and organise information that they need for revision from their Google Drive.

Wayne said that next year the Yr 11-13 students will only have practise exams in Term 3, gaining up to 3 weeks of extra teaching hours.

- Fun Run

The updated entry form will be put on the website in the next few days, and online entry forms should be available within the month.

Anyone wanting to be involved with the organising of this event can contact Maree Wright (mareewright@xtra.co.nz), Susan McRae (bs.mcrae@xtra.co.nz), or Sharon Carroll (gavinandsharon@xtra.co.nz).

- Gardens

Matthew has identified the need to spruce up the gardens by the Whare. How many of you are available for either Sunday 25 September or Sunday 09 October? If you could email your preference that would be appreciated.

Bream Bay College PTA Treasurers Report from 2/8/2016 to 12/9/2016

M: Angela S: Maree

Opening Balance	12,890.86
Income (2 nd hand uniform)	<u>145.00</u>
	13,035.86

Expenses

Nil	<u>0.00</u>
	13,035.86
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Principals Report:

Wayne Buckland

- Tomorrow, under 'Student Information', we should find the Options for 2017. These will need to be completed by the end of Term.
- A very generous donation of \$55,000 was made to the school recently by Helen and Bruce Matheson 'In Memory of Harvey Abercrombie'. This will be used for annual scholarships.
- This Friday Bream Bay College will be closed from 1pm so that staff can attend a Paid Union Meeting in Whangarei. All classes will be shortened from 1hour to 50min. The Compressed class timetable has been working well, with no class being missed.

General Business:

- \$500.00 was agreed to be spent on copying and laminating some of the students' artwork, so they can be put on display in the school corridors. Alice has offered to approach Tracey to ask her if she would select some pieces and get permission from the students.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 19 October.

Meeting Closed 8.55 pm.