

Minutes of the Bream Bay College PTA

Meeting held on Wednesday 02 August 2017.

Present:

Maree Wright, Sharon Carroll, Sandra Lucas, Yette de Jong, Bev Webb and Wayne Buckland.

Apologies:

M: Maree S: Sandra

Yvonne Boakes, Julie Winslow.

Minutes from last meeting:

M: Sharon S: Sandra

Approved.

Correspondence – In and Out:

Nil.

Bream Bay College PTA Treasurers Report.

M: Sandra S: Maree

Closing Balance \$9188.00

Fun Run Sponsorship Received to date...

- \$100.00 Bream Bay Merchants
 - \$100.00 Bream Bay Medical Centre
 - \$200.00 Portstar
 - \$500.00 Northport

Principals Report:

Wayne Buckland

- Kathryn Berkett is returning to Bream Bay College on Monday 21 August as a guest speaker for anyone in the community who would like to attend. Her last session on the 'Adolescent Brain' was amazing, and concentrated on the neuropsychological changes and challenges of the adolescent stage, and how we can make a difference to those negotiating this stressful period in their lives. Wayne will ask if she can include some information on devices, and whether we need to be concerned about the time our kids spend staring at screens. We are very fortunate to have her at the college and its a wonderful opportunity for us all to gain a better understanding of the learning and behavioural challenges ahead for our youth. And it's FREE!
 - The Year 12 and 13s have recently had sessions on Resilience & Sexuality Support in 'Health', Period 5. The education department is always concerned about the wellbeing of students who suffer from anxiety and depression and those vulnerable in situations where sexual safety is absent. In Term 4, the Year 10s will have some sessions also, and Manaia PHO are working towards having a bigger input into the education sector in the near future.

- The Ball went well and the kids had a wonderful evening, with most behaving beautifully. Some students mentioned that they would prefer the ball to finish at 11.30, but the school policy is to have as little time as possible between the ball and any 'after ball' functions, allowing little time for them to consume alcohol.
- Stage Challenge. The students did an amazing job once again, with their performance of "**Te Tangata**" **It is the people**, at this year's Stage Challenge, and came 3rd overall. The students spent about three months preparing for the event including lunch times, after school and weekends, and deserved their top 3 placing.
- In week 7 of this term Year 6 students and their families will begin their visits to the college. Time slots to see the DPS and tour the school are on Wed 3.30pm to 5pm, Thursday 5pm to 6.30pm and Friday 1pm to 3.30pm
- **TED Talks.** Listen online to information on Grit – passion and perseverance – and how to build solid work ethic and motivation in our kids. It is about **Failure**, and how this is **NOT a permanent position**. It is about the belief that **ability to learn is not fixed**, that **it can change with effort**.

General Business:

- **A1 Printer** – The school has printed off a huge selection of our students' artwork into poster size, and they now adorn the corridor walls. We hope they make them appear a little brighter.
- **Tides Out Fun Run and Walk**, may have a format change in 2018. Perhaps to be run solely on beach and in DOC land to avoid the need for 'Transport Management Plans' and marshals.
- Possible **Quiz night** on the agenda in the middle of 2018 as a new PTA Fundraiser.
- The next **BBQ** for the students will be after the Fun Run as a thank you for participation.
- **Guest speaker** evening with **Kathryn Berkett**. PTA to pay \$250.00 towards her fees, and school to pay \$250.00. PTA to organise tea, coffee and food for the evening. Wayne suggested that we may want to charge \$3.00 for coffee and cake...
- The **Panimals** have now entirely paid for their upcoming trip. Congratulations to the students and their tireless parents, for all the fundraising efforts this year.
- **Afternoon Tea** for Tutorials and Homework Workshops is going well. A big thanks to Sharon for her efforts so far. If anyone has any excess fruit on their trees, they would be greatly appreciated.
- **Working Bee.** Thanks to Sandra, Shaz, Maree, Keira, Abby and Cameron for their efforts in planting the bulbs in the gardens over the holidays. Looking forward to seeing the beautiful colour in the next few weeks.
- **Ball.** HUGE thanks to those parents that volunteered to brave a cold and wet evening to help with security at the senior ball. Thanks to **Nigel Bradley, John Kramer, Maree Wright, Jette de Jong , Pam Bartlet, Travis Worthington, Mike Swords and Derek Heiwari**.
- The choice to hold the ball in the school holidays seems to be a success, eliminating student absences from valuable class time for tanning, hair and makeup.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 September.

Meeting Closed 8.30pm.