

# BREAM BAY COLLEGE

## Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

#### FRIDAY 20 - THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Senior School practice exams

#### WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Board of Trustees meeting  
6pm in the Board room

#### FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

Staff Only Day (no school for students)

#### MONDAY 28 OCTOBER

Labour Day Holiday

#### FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Senior Prizegiving

### 2024 Term Dates

#### TERM 3

MONDAY 22 JUL- FRIDAY 27 SEP

#### TERM 4

MONDAY 14 OCT- FRIDAY 13 DEC

### 2025 Start Dates

Monday 3rd February, 2025

Year 7 and Year 13 start

Tuesday 4th February 2025

All years start

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou,

As we approach the final stretch of the term, it is vital for our Year 10 to 13 students to focus on their upcoming assessments. For our Year 10 and 11 students, the reading, writing, and numeracy tests are essential checkpoints, and for our Year 11 to 13 students, the practice exams are a crucial part of their preparation for NCEA.

The tests in reading, writing, and numeracy are more than just a requirement for NCEA—they are fundamental skills that form the basis for future success. These assessments help us measure where our students stand, and give them the opportunity to reflect on their progress. For Year 10 and 11 students, doing well in these areas ensures they have the strong foundation needed for the academic challenges ahead. We have enjoyed seeing students attend the extra tutorial sessions that we have been running during Whānau Time on Wednesdays and lunch on Fridays.

Meanwhile, for our Year 11 to 13 students, the practice exams in Weeks 9 and 10 serve as a valuable rehearsal for their end-of-year NCEA exams. Practice exams provide students with an opportunity to test their knowledge, sharpen their exam techniques, and get used to the pressure of timed assessments. Doing well here is important, but it's also a chance to identify areas where improvement is needed before the final exams.

We want to give our senior students every chance to prepare thoroughly. Year 11 to 13 students will have study leave during the exam period to focus on their revision. For those who prefer to study at school, we will make a quiet space available for them when they are not sitting exams. It's important to note that grades from these practice exams will contribute to the Senior School Prizegiving, so doing well now can lead to recognition at the end of the year.

As parents and caregivers, you play a crucial role in supporting your children during this time. Encouraging effective study habits, ensuring they have a quiet space to focus, and helping them manage stress can make a big difference in their performance. As a school, we're doing our part by providing the tools, support, and guidance to help them succeed, but it's the consistent effort from the students that will ultimately lead to success.

With just a few weeks remaining, it's the perfect time for students to start reviewing their notes, practise past papers, and focus on areas where they feel less confident. Remember, the work put in now will pay off at the end of the year.

Let's continue working together as a community to help our students achieve their best. This is their chance to take charge of their learning and set themselves up for success not just in these assessments but in their overall journey as lifelong learners.

I also want to thank all the staff, students and community that have been involved in the many events and school trips that feature in this newsletter, our Year 7 & 8 newsletter and our panui from Te Rerenga Kotuku. Bream Bay College values these opportunities and acknowledges the effort and cost that it takes to smoothly and safely provide these platforms and real world contexts for learning.

Ngā mihi nui,

Julian Cosgrove

## **BREAM BAY COLLEGE PRACTICE EXAMS**

Our senior students - Years 11, 12 and 13 - are sitting their NCEA Practice Exams in Week 9 and 10 of this Week 10: Monday 23rd September, Tuesday 24th September, Wednesday 25th September & Thursday 26th September.

Students are on Study Leave for these days. This means they attend school only for their exams and are at home studying when not at school for an exam.

A supervised silent study room (the Library) is available for each of these days so that if a student comes in on the bus for an exam and remains at school, the Library is available for silent study. A roll is taken for each period if a student is in the supervised Library. Normal school rules apply.



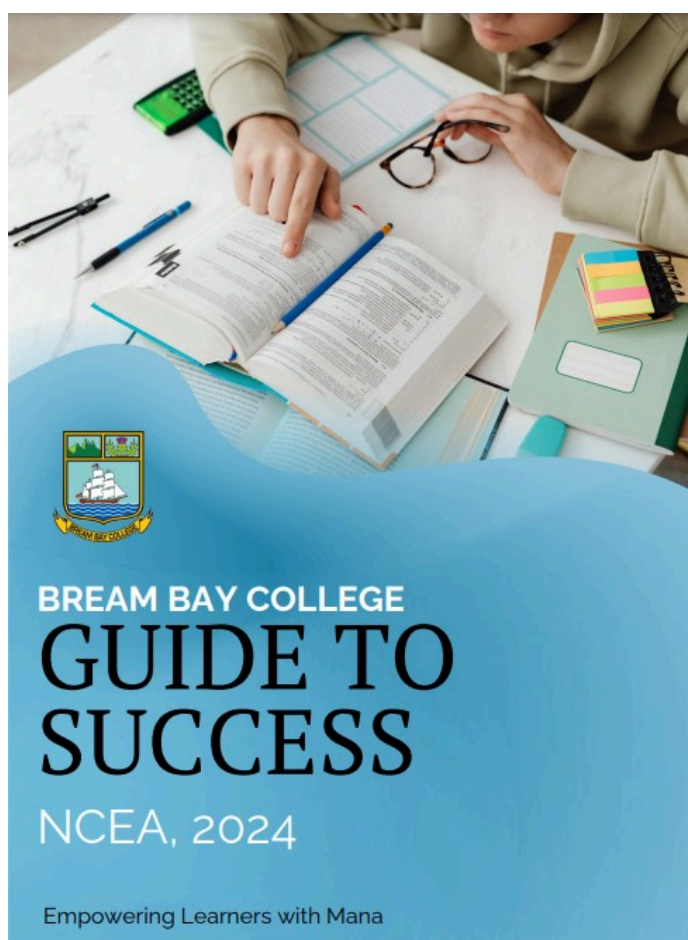
Please access our [Guide to Exam Success](#) by clicking here:

The reason practice exams are so very important:

- Practice exams help a student come to grips with all the conditions, requirements and rules around NCEA exams
- If a student is unable to sit their final NCEA exams, the practice exams are used to give them a grade for each standard.
- Practice exams give teachers specific feedback. Teachers can hone in on weaknesses and strengths for each student's revision so that the student improves in the final NCEA exam.

#### Important Information

1. Each student needs a charged device as many of these exams are done online.
2. The usual protocols for exams are in place: ie a silent exams environment, full uniform to be worn and punctuality is required.
3. Exams begin at either 9am or 1pm. Please see the timetable below.



## PRACTICE EXAMS TIMETABLE

### Week 9 - Week 10

DAY	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
DATE	20/9	23/9	24/9	25/9	26/9
9.00-12.00	Level 1 English Level 2 Chemistry Level 3 Biology	Level 1 Science Level 2 Digi Level 3 Physics	Level 1 Digi Level 1 Te Reo Level 2 Maths Level 3 Geography	Level 1 Maths Level 2 Physics Level 3 Calculus	Level 1 PE Level 2 Biology Level 3 Chemistry
1.00 - 3.15	Level 1 Commerce Level 2 History Level 3 Digi Level 3 Te Reo	Level 1 Dance Level 2 English Level 3 Stat	Level 1 History Level 2 Business Level 3 English	Level 1 Ag/Hort Level 2 Geography Level 3 History	Level 1 Geography Level 2 Te Reo Level 3 Business

## LEVEL 2 HOSPITALITY NEWS

Level 2 Hospitality task for Week 7 was to prepare chocolate profiteroles. This involved making choux pastry, baking, filling with cream or custard, with the final step before plating, dipping in chocolate sauce.



## BREAM BAY COLLEGE KĀHUI AKO ROBOCUP

The annual Bream Bay Kāhui Ako Robocup was held last week in our auditorium with teams from our 3 primary schools and judges from Bream Bay College and Whangarei District Council.

There are two sections to this competition:

- On Stage, where teams of students bring a prepared performance using robots, props and backdrops;
- Maze, where teams of students program their robots to get through the maze as quickly as possible, gaining points for each section they get through.

All the participants were amazing and it was great seeing them all working together and supporting each other even though they were competing!

A big thank you to Aaron, Andy, Neill & Paul from WDC for coming out to judge for us.



## GO MATHS!

Students have had the opportunity to compete in several Maths competitions recently. At the end of Term 2 10 students helped run and mark the **Kāhui Ako Mathex** at One Tree Point School. Great work keeping calm under pressure!

At the start of Term 3 ten Year 9 and 10 students competed online in the **Australian Maths Competition** against their Australian counterparts. Congratulations to Alex Stolpmann, Harry Setiawan and Jacob Watson for taking out Credit Awards.

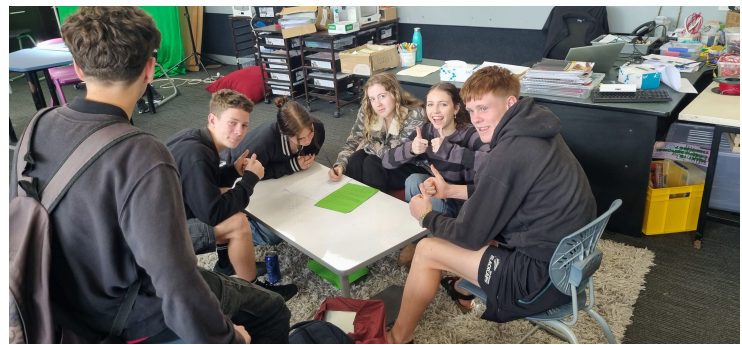
In Week 3, two Year 9 teams and one Year 10 team competed in the **Northland Mathex** at Whangarei Boys. Although not finishing in the top three places, our teams did really well and stayed with the top cluster of teams.





In Week 7 this term, all students had the opportunity to be part of their **House Mathex** team, either as a runner or maths competitor. There was lots of action, masterful calculating and the answers came flying in. Well done all teams!

Results: 1st ROSS (110 points)      2nd SUTHERLAND (90 points)  
3rd INVERNESS (86 points)      4th ARGYLL (71 points)

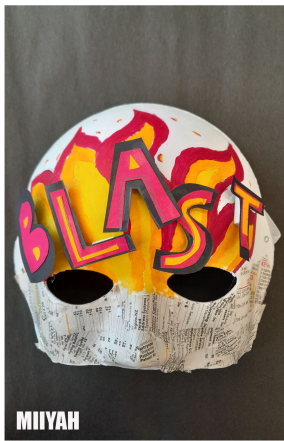


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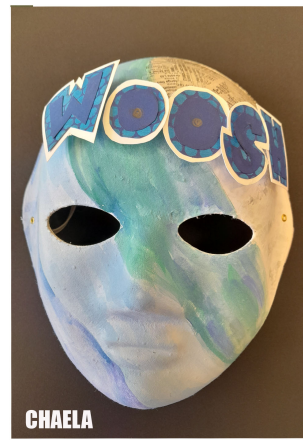
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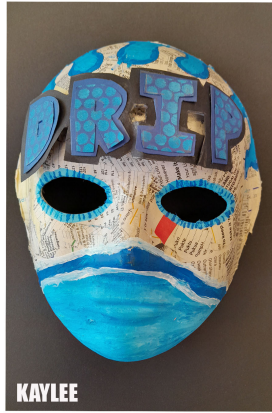
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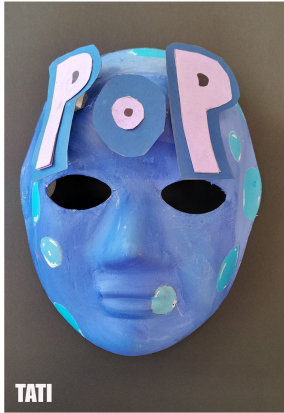
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## 8D ONOMATOPOEIA MASKS

### COLOUR RUN

The Health and Wellbeing council hosted the Colour Run at lunchtime on Friday 30 August. Lots of fun was had by all participants. Photos are on the website [www.breambaycollege.school.nz/photos.html](http://www.breambaycollege.school.nz/photos.html)



### THANK YOU TO CALTEX OAKLEIGH SERVICE STATION

Caltex Oakleigh Service Station has partnered up with The NZ Sports Collective organisation and has nominated Bream Bay College as the recipient of \$1000 sponsorship towards sports travel. We are extremely grateful to the Sports Collective and to Brett Price (owner). This will make a huge difference to many of our students.

*Photo of Harris and Lila accepting the vouchers from Brett Price.*





## SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday 21 August Bream Bay College had 40 Year 7 & 8 students participate in the annual **Huanui Sports Exchange**. It was a great day of football, basketball, netball and hockey. Thanks to Huanui School for hosting us this year. Results were:

Hockey 4 -1 win to Bream Bay. Fairplay Award - Manu Reid

Netball 26-25 win to Bream Bay. Fairplay Award - Kara Jacoby

Football 6-0 win to Bream Bay. Fairplay Award - Finn Hopkins

Basketball - win to Huanui. Fairplay Award - Liryc Phillips

Thank you to Mahko, Jyah, Harris and Kortez who helped with coaching the teams and to Kathy for driving the hockey team.





On Wednesday 28 August, Bream Bay College hosted **Tauraroa Area School** for the annual **Year 7-8 Sports Exchange**. It was a great day with some excellent results:

Netball: Win to Bream Bay. Fairplay Award - Ella

Hockey: Win to Bream Bay. Fairplay Award - Zoey

Basketball: Win to Bream Bay. Fairplay Award - Asher

Football: Win to Bream Bay. Fairplay Award - Ella

Rippa Rugby: 3 wins to Bream Bay, 1 win to Tauraroa. Fairplay Awards - Khalea & Cruz

Thank you to all of the senior students who gave up their time to coach and referee the games making the afternoon a huge success. Thank you also to Tauraroa Area School for coming over. Photos are on the website

[www.breambaycollege.school.nz/photos.html](http://www.breambaycollege.school.nz/photos.html)





The **Boys' 1st XV** played against Kerikeri on **Wednesday 11 September** for the Northland Secondary School Mid-Week 1st XV competition final in what was a truly inspiring game. We didn't come away with a win 36-22 but we are so proud of the boys and what they achieved in front of a huge Kerikeri crowd. With 10 minutes to go the game could have gone either way. Half time was 12-10 to Kerikeri. Unfortunately, in the last 10 minutes Kerikeri gave a huge push and scored 2 tries. The score line does not reflect the game. The boys should hold their heads high with what they have achieved this year with some of our boys only in Year 10. We look forward to seeing them all develop as a team moving forward. We say farewell to Harlem who truly has been an inspirational leader. We also farewell KJ who keeps the positive attitude going in the team.

Thank you to the awesome management team Kodi, Trey and Nadia, without you this just wouldn't have happened. Thank you so much to all our amazing supporters. The boys appreciate it so much that you come along to watch them. And to the boys, well done, you are all absolutely amazing.



## SCHOOL CAR PARK

The staff car park will be closed between 3pm and 3.30pm daily.

This came into effect Wednesday 4 September 2024.

Bream Bay College's staff car park has been identified as a high risk area due to the limited pedestrian access through to the bus bay at the front of the school which is a significant risk to students at the end of the school day.

Student safety is a priority. The usual pathway is blocked due to the construction work being undertaken in the old science labs and the car park is currently being used by pedestrians. As a result we have made the decision to close the Staff car park between 3pm and 3.30pm. No cars will be able to enter or leave the car park during this time.

Car parking is available on Peter Snell Road where whānau can collect students.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SERVICE AT SCHOOL**

Kia Ora! My name is Dennaye and I am the Public Health Nurse for the year 7 and 8 students at Bream Bay College.

I work with children over 3years to 12years of age; However, our wider team includes the youth specialty nurses and specialty ear nurses.

If you have health concerns for tamariki of any age, please feel free to contact me and we can put you in touch with the right team to support you.

### Mahi we do within schools includes:

- Organise and deliver immunisation programmes in schools.
- Work with schools to promote the wellbeing of tamariki, and their whānau
- Make referrals and liaise with school staff, health professionals (e.g. family doctors and specialists) and social agencies to support tamariki with health issues.
- Provide assessment and treatment for a sore throat, skin infections/conditions such as school sores and eczema
- Provide education for schools on supporting children with health issues such as Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Epilepsy
- Follow-up tamariki with identified hearing/vision needs

While these are some of the things we do, it is not a definitive list.

Contact me at [Dennaye.channings@northlanddhb.org.nz](mailto:Dennaye.channings@northlanddhb.org.nz) or ask the school staff to make a referral about any health concerns you may have for your tamariki.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



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# COMMUNITY SUPPORT TRUST

## YOUTH VAPING EDUCATION COURSE



In collaboration  
with Rubicon  
Youth Whangarei



Join us in an 8-week Youth Vaping Education Course. Encourage your youth to take part in educating themselves about:

- *What vaping is*
- *Vaping addiction*
- *How vaping affects your brain/growth*
- *Vaping harm*
- *Peer pressure*
- *Te Whare Tapa Wha*

**Female Youth Mentor:**

**0272505706**

**Male Youth Mentor:**

**0272056700**



Every Wednesday for 8 weeks  
starting Week 1, Term 4



2:00pm - 3:00pm

**REGISTER NOW BY COLLECTING A FORM FROM THE BREAM BAY COMMUNITY SUPPORT TRUST OR A YOUTH MENTOR**



More Info

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