



BALMACEWEN
INTERMEDIATE

BALMACEWEN NEWS

Friday 25 September 2009
TERM 3 - No. 8

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been a very busy and successful term! As usual there have been many highlights in and out of the classroom.

I have been astounded at the variety of ASPIRE inquiries happening around the school. From personal and school based inquiry, through to community and international focus, there has been great thinking and learning occurring. Thanks for the excellent parent support for many out of school visits that have been planned.

I hope that all students and staff have an enjoyable holiday break and return for Term 4 refreshed and ready to go!

Kind regards,

Andrew Hunter

REFLECTIONS

YEAR 8 NEWS

The Year 8 staff would like to acknowledge the help and support of all the parent / adult helpers for your endeavours over the course this term. Both the students and staff appreciate the time and effort you have provided in assisting with the term's activities.

The integrated unit for next term is called "Challenge!" The main units we will be completing are:

- A Health Unit on decision making and drugs.
- A Performing Arts Unit where each class produces a lip-synch
- A Writing Unit where each class will produce a poetry anthology
- A Speech Unit where the students will present a speech to their class mates.

To finish the year we have our annual end of year activities. This is a special time where we reflect on the events of the last two years and enjoy each others company. We call this time a "Poroporoaki" and the Year 8 students will organise

- Our Year 8 Social
- The publishing of a Year Book
- An interclass sports challenge
- Our end of year students' assembly.

These and other activities are a fantastic way for your child to conclude their time at Balmacewen Intermediate. A newsletter will come home the first week back, outlining the time frame of these events and our expectations for inclusion in these activities.

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We wish all pupils a happy break and enjoy the opportunity to sleep in and recharge the batteries.

Terry Tarapi

YEAR 7 NEWS

It is hard to believe it's the end of the term already. It has been a busy but interesting term. Classes have all been busy with their inquiries to do with "Change" and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have supported the students through being interviewed, providing transport and supervision.

There has been a variety of inquiries happening, with many students venturing into the community to visit and talk to experts. These have ranged from developing school gardens, improving class resources for a school in the Solomon Islands and general health-based inquiries.

Next term our focus is "Communication" and the different forms it takes ranging from dance, drama, speech, visual and music. Our goal for next term is also about teamwork.

We hope all students have a great and safe holiday and we look forward to finishing off the year with a fantastic fun filled term

Charlotte Cooper and the Year 7 Team.

UP COMING EVENTS

2009 TERM DATES

Term 3 = Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 = Monday 12 October to 16 December

TERM CALENDER

12 October - Term Starts

20 October - School Athletics

21-22 October - Finals of Milo Cricket for Girls Team

23 October - Teacher Only Day

26 October - Labour Day

3 November - North Zone Athletics

17 November - Otago Athletics

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The Minister of Education has given schools the opportunity for staff to undertake professional development using the New Zealand Curriculum. We will be taking this day on **Friday 23 October and therefore school will be closed.**

Hopefully being the Friday before Labour Weekend it will give families the chance to make the most of the long weekend.

RUGBY

Term 3 has seen a lot of rugby being played by Balmacewen Intermediate students. In the boys' competition which is played on a Wednesday after school, we had a Year 8 team and two Year 7 teams

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entered. It is great to have so many keen players! All of the teams did extremely well and enjoyed the competition. Thanks to Mr Hunter and Mr Napier for coaching the teams. Also a special thanks to Mrs Buttery for washing all the sets of jerseys every week!

For the first time a Year 7/8 Girls' Rugby Tournament was held at Kettle Park. It was a one day tournament and we had two teams entered. There were two pools and both Balmac. teams won their pools, going through the tournament unbeaten. With only a few of the girls ever playing before, they did really well and there were some excellent skills on display. A special well done to Meg McKay, who scored 8 tries in her team's three games.

Lauren Roney



HOCKEY

Another successful hockey season has been completed at Balmacewen! We had three teams entered in the competition

this year (Blue, Red and Green). The Green Team had a great season, with the majority of the girls having never played before. They showed a huge improvement! Thanks to Kopua Waititi and Mark Henderson for coaching them.

The Red Team made the final of their section, unfortunately losing this, but it was a great effort to get there! A big thank you to Warren Watson for coaching this team.

And finally the Blue Team who, apart from one loss early in the season, were unbeaten! They had an extremely exciting final against East Otago. The score was 0-0 at full time, meaning they had to go into penalty strokes, which we won 4-2. Very well deserved!

Good luck to all those playing in Collier and Hatch Representative Tournaments in the holidays.

Lauren Roney



ACTIV8

On Thursday the 17th September some Year 8 Balmacewen students were chosen to participate in Activ8. We had to meet at the Teachers' College Gym. There were

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16 teams participating. 8 teams started at the gardens and the other 8 teams started at the Teachers' College Gym. We had to run about 10km around the Logan Park area doing different activities and taking funny photos. Some of the activities we had to do were rock climbing, cricket, bowling, rugby kicks and hockey dribbling. We were also given \$10 to go to the New World Supermarket to get a healthy snack and drink for all of the team. It was a really fun day and Balmacewen won it overall by 13 minutes. As well as the trophy we won a \$100 sports equipment voucher for the school! The Balmacewen/Columba Team also won the quiz!

Sophie Russell	Ben Roth
Meg McKay	Cody Brook
Esther Fogarty	Ben Wardhaugh
Claudia Peyroux	Michael Gray
Ruben Scarlet McRae	Ross Campbell
Zak Watt	Josh Vou
4 Columba girls	

By Sophie Russell and Meg McKay



BALMACEWEN INTERMEDIATE UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Monday 21st Dec 9am-12 Noon
2010 - Wed 20th Jan, Thurs 21st Jan and
Fri 22nd Jan - 9am-12 Noon

Uniform to sell must be clean and well presented. We DO NOT accept PE t-shirts, PE shorts, Boys' socks or Girls' white shirts.

J R MCKENZIE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund supports families in need of financial assistance with the purchasing of a school uniform. The closing date for applications is Friday 27 November 2009.

Applications will be accepted for those students who are entering High School for the first time, specifically:
Year 9/Form 3 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 9/Form 3 level onwards.
Year 7/Form 1 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 7/Form 1 level onwards, and also provides High School education at the Year 9/Form 3 level.

Applications will only be considered for families requiring financial assistance, and in this regard, the application must be signed by an independent sponsor before an application is returned to us. Grants must be for the purchase of basic school clothing and footwear only (excluding roadshoes/runners). For an application form and more information please contact the school office.

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CANTEEN UPDATE

Water - Due to Coca Cola deleting the Aqua shot water we have changed to Frucor who are supplying us with the H2 Go range and the Just Juice Splash.
Plain water - \$1.80 Flavoured - \$3.00
Just Juice 125ml - \$1.00 300ml - \$2.20

Sushi - Due to the increase in price it has been decided not to continue with sushi in Term Four as advised at the end of Term One.

Lasagne - this will also be discontinued once the remaining stock is sold

STUDENTS' WORK



On Tuesday 15th September Bailee, Dione and Zoe went to the Shetland Street Organic Gardens and we spent about a hour there with Hendrik Koch. Zoe's Dad came along also. Hendrik told us about composting. We got to eat some kind of plant, it was hot. He showed us some Tiger Worms in his compost. It was fun to learn about what he does with his garden and we will be able to use some of the information in our ASPIRE inquiry work about composting waste within our school. Written by Bailee

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BASKETBALL CAMP

The Holiday Programme is held at the Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin.

DATE: Camp 1

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th October

DATE: Camp 2

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th October

TIME: 9.00am-3.00pm **AGE:** 8yrs-13yrs

COST: \$80.00 per child OR \$125.00 for 2 children from same family

COACHED by BBO Representative Coaches and former Nuggets Players

Should you wish to register your child please see the registration form on our website of www.basketballotago.co.nz or contact Basketball Otago for further details.

Stewart Island

October School Holidays

Live on board a 14 metre yacht

Sail - Snorkel - Kayak - Trek

- EXPERIENCE -

Five day adventure of discovery at Stewart Island.

'Live in', tailor-made adventure, school holiday experience.

Year 6-9 Adventurers 6 - 10 October

2009 Two bunks unexpectedly available!

Call NOW to register!

Ph: 034738914 / 027 2768817

Email: elwing@clear.net.nz

Website:

www.southernlights.co.nz/elwing

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TAKE A KID TRAMPING

This school holiday event is a family-friendly introduction to the basic skills needed to tramp safely in the NZ bush. 3 sessions plus a day tramp (optional) that will equip you to be safe and have fun, even if you have no family history of tramping. Average fitness required for tramp.

Fri 25 Sept 6.30-9.15pm (Dunedin)

Sun 27 Sept 1-6pm (Outram Bridge)

Tues 29 Sept 6.30-9pm (Dunedin)

Sat 3 Oct 10-3.30pm (Silverpeaks tramp—optional)

Only \$50 per family (1-2 adults plus kids)

NB Transport to river crossing and tramp venues, own food for tramp are extra.

Sturdy walking shoes, waterproof jacket, warm clothes, day pack required.

To register or inquire further phone Helen on 4821440 (evenings). Please note that number are limited for safety reasons. Organised and instructed by members of the Dunedin Branch of NZ Mountain Safety Council
www.mountainsafety.org.nz

Game on. A 6 week group just for dads wanting to make the most out of their life and their relationship with their kids.

PSG: Therapy group for mothers. Safe long term support.

Phone us now on 477-3403 or email sue@cathsocialservices.org.nz
www.cathsocialservices.org.nz

NUMBERWORKS HOLIDAY COURSE

Ready for High School Maths? - Take this opportunity to boost your child's confidence and mathematics skills during our **NumberWorks Holiday Course**. **Monday 5th -Friday 9th October, daily from 3.30pm - 5.30pm.** Ten hours of intensive tuition on individualized programmes PLUS a free assessment and introductory lesson. Phone 474 1104 to book a place.

NumberWorks

90 Crawford Street, Dunedin
Manager: Naomi Wadsworth Dip Tchg, Higher Dip Tchg

For fun stuff, check out our website at www.numberworks.com/dunedin

PARENTING

Take a look at some of the options we have available for parents to discover new skills and find support. Phone now and enrol or register your interest for one of the following courses or groups.

The Parenting Toolbox. Choose from an early years (0-5), middle years (6-12) or Teen years (12+) course and join us for 6 weeks looking at practical things to build your family. Groups run each term. Courses run at nights 7:30-9:30 and we have day groups for early years. Contact us for more info.

KIWISKATE HOLIDAY CLASSES

Week 1: Mon. 28 Sept to Fri 2 Oct

Week 2: Mon 5 Oct to Fr 9 Oct

Time: 10am-11am Cost: \$30 per person

Suitable for 5+yrs

KIWIHOCKEY HOLIDAY CLASSES

Week 1: Mon 28 Sept to Fri 2 Oct

Week 2: Mon 5 Oct to Fri 9 Oct

Time: 9am-10am Cost \$30 per person

Suitable for 5+yrs

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ICE SKATING FOR TERM 4



101 Victoria Road, Phone 456 4556
Ice Skating Classes begin Monday 12th,
Thursday 15th and Saturday 17th October
Times: Mon 4pm-5pm or 5pm-6pm,
Thursday 4pm-5pm, Saturday 10am-11am



Ice Hockey Classes - Thursday 5pm-6pm
Cost: \$40.00 per person 1 hour lesson
per week for 8 weeks.
For more info. Please phone

NZ NANNIES INTERNATIONAL

Need Childcare During The School Holidays? NZ Nannies International have nannies who can help. Or want long-term before/after school childcare with the next school term looming? We recommend having an Au Pair for your before/after school care - where your kids can be taken to/from after-school activities, homework supervised, housework and meals provided - all at an affordable price. Contact us: kristina@nznannies.org.nz or see our website www.nznannies.org.nz for more information.

MA-FI ARTS WORKSHOP

ART SCHOOL FOR KIDS
ROOM 104, KING EDWARD COURT
DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTURE,
POTTERY, PRINT-MAKING, MASK-
MAKING plus many other art/craft
related activities.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Sept 28 - Oct 9
OPEN: 8am - 5:30pm Daily Mon - Fri
From 3 hours & up to all day, sessions
available.

TERM 4 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

OPEN: 3pm - 6:15pm Mon - Fri
10am - 12 noon & 2 - 4pm Saturdays
Throughout school Terms.
Email: < ma-fiarts@clear.net.nz >
Ph: 477 6112 / 472 8072 / 021 114 7971
For more Information: Images, Fees,
Enrolment Forms etc see our website
www.ma-fiarts.co.nz

FISH TALES AT THE AQUARIUM

26 September - 11 October 2009

Storytelling - Join "Kat Anna Fiddle"
(professional story-telling team, Kaitrin
McMullan & Anna Bowen) for an hour of
marine-theme dramatic tales, tunes and
activities on Sundays, Mondays and
Tuesdays, 2-3pm.

Food for Thought - Find out what treats
are prepared in Neptune's Kitchen and
help to feed the fish - Wednesday &
Saturday from 2-3pm. The Aquarium is
also home to 400 hungry salmon that need
to be fed daily.

Fishy Arts and Crafts - Create a visual
fishy tale of your own - we will supply the
materials, you supply the imagination!

SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS -
Storytelling Outside the Classroom -
Monday 12th October, 9.30am to 3pm - A

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workshop for guides, interpreters and educators interested in basic story telling techniques and how to craft educational stories. \$20 per person. Bookings essential. See www.marine.ac.nz for details.

University of Otago's NZ Marine Studies Centre & Westpac Aquarium
Hatchery Road, Portobello, Dunedin
Phone 03 479 5826 Email marine-studies@otago.ac.nz

Open 10am-4.30pm Adult: \$12, Child: \$6, Family: \$24
Guided Tour at 10.30am Adult: \$21, Child: \$11, Family: \$48
www.marine.ac.nz

TENNIS COACHING

OBHS Tennis Courts - Tuesdays 4.15pm and Thursdays 5.45pm

Beginners to Intermediate all welcome. Starts Thurs 22nd Oct. and Tues 27th Oct. Cost \$70 until end of term.

Contact Jim Hoffman (qualified NZ coach) on 0274 113529 or leave a message on 453 6808. Places in the groups will fill fast so inquire now.

SUMMER GOLF COACHING

Summer Golf Coaching at Balmacewen Course - Phone 467 2096 extn 3

Junior Golf Coaching - 8-12yrs old
Mon. or Wed. 4pm-5pm beginning 12 Oct - 6 week programme with Melanie Harper

Beginner Women's Golf Programme:
Wed. 14 Oct-11 Nov 10am-11.30am or
Tues. 13 Oct-10 Nov 6pm-7.30pm -
Max. 8 people with Shelley Duncan

Short Game Workshop: Thurs 15 Oct or 12 Nov. 9am-3pm lunch included -
Max. 8 people - with Shelley Duncan

BELLEKNOWES GOLF CLUB

Special Junior Membership for young people 6-12 yrs of age. Subscription will be \$50 for year but you must be accompanied by an adult at all times on course. Six lessons with Melanie Harper - NZ Golf Development Coach - each Fri. 4pm-5pm commencing 16 Oct. Clubs will be provided.

Phone Glenys Samways on 453 4733 to enrol.

KIDZ INC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Silverstream, Maori Hill, City Centre and Macandrew Bay

You can have the Kidz Inc experience for as little as \$17.30 per week (conditions apply). Call now or book online - bookings essential. Inquiries, text "info" to 021 982216.

For further information contact us now or visit our website www.kidzinc.co.nz

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