



BALMACEWEN
INTERMEDIATE

BALMACEWEN NEWS

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TERM 4 - No.9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you see from this month's newsletter, there is plenty happening at Balmacewen. It really reinforced to me, the commitment and enthusiasm of our students and staff. Balmacewen students continue to excel in all activities and this reflects in their attitude and ability to work together.

With an action packed term ahead, I look forward to seeing all students getting involved in learning opportunities. This especially applies to Year 8 students who will want to make the most of their final term at Balmacewen.

Kind regards,

Andrew Hunter

REFLECTIONS

YEAR 8 NEWS

Our integrated unit for this term is called "Challenge." This will see the students participate in a variety of challenges throughout the term, including...

1. Completing our Outdoor Challenge Day Out (Outdoor Education)
2. Completing the Health Programme "From the Shadows", this focuses on drug education (Health)
3. Participating in our Class Lip-Synch (Performing Arts)
4. Presenting a speech to the class (English)
5. Competing as a team member in our interclass touch / non stop cricket events (Physical Ed)

It is amazing to think that there is just a little over 6 weeks left for your child at Balmacewen Intermediate. There are a lot of fun activities planned, especially in the last 2 weeks at school. These include active8, Year 8 Social, school swim and class room activities.

All students will be working extremely hard to complete the important units of work described above. Teachers are constantly referring to the expectations newsletter that came home at the start of the term, reminding the students how important it is to keep applying their best efforts in all endeavours.

Kind Regards

Year 8 Staff
Terry Tarapi

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YEAR 7 NEWS

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and is ready for their last term as Year 7 students. It's amazing how quickly the year has gone, before you know it, it will be Christmas time again. Term 4 is going to be a busy term with lots on. Our focus for this term is Communication and Teamwork. The students have made a great start in their Amazing Race Teams on their weekly country challenges. I'm looking forward to seeing their communication skills develop as the term progresses. Some classes have even had a visit to the Chinese Gardens as Week 3's Country Focus was China. Coming up we also have speeches to write and present with students from each class chosen to go through to the Year 7 finals.

A focus also for this term is how we communicate through dance, drama and music. With lots of class activities that lead up to a Year 7 Performance Afternoon in Week 9. Should be lots of fun and will be great to see our talented and creative students up on stage.

Welcome back to Mr Herden who has rejoined Room 5 and a big thank you to Mrs Quelch for standing in while he was away.

Good luck to Miss McKergow, Room 10's teacher, who is finishing up for the year to have her baby. All the best from everyone in Year 7.

Charlotte Cooper

MILO GIRLS CRICKET

Last week the Milo Girls Cricket Team travelled to Christchurch for the South Island final. The girls hadn't played since Term 1 when they won the Otago/Southland final, but practiced hard in the last couple of weeks and played a Year 7 boys team at school. In the South Island final we played Waimea Intermediate from Nelson, losing by five wickets. We lost the toss and were asked to bat first. Unfortunately we lost a few early wickets and didn't quite make enough runs in our 25 overs. The girls' bowling and fielding was excellent however, and had we managed another 30 runs or so, the outcome could have been quite different! The team was disappointed to lose but they did an awesome job to make it that far. A special mention goes to Georgia Baird and Polly Inglis for their great bowling and fielding in the final. Huge thanks to Sandy McKay, Kim Macdonald, and Angela Ruske for travelling and staying with us in Christchurch.

The 2009 Milo team: Polly Inglis (Captain), Georgia Baird (Vice Captain), Sophie Russell, Meg McKay, Aleisha Ruske, Tayla Macdonald, Lillian Cotter, Matilda Gill, Courtney Shea, Lily Purdon, Esther Fogarty and Claudia Peyroux.

Hopefully we can recruit some more players next year and build another successful team! Good luck to the Year 8's for next year, I hope you keep up with your cricket there 😊

Lauren Roney

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BALMACEWEN ATHLETICS DAY

On Tuesday 20th October the Balmacewen Athletics was held at the Caledonian Ground. We had some patchy weather throughout the day, but we got there in the end! Everyone was in high spirits and there were some excellent results. Well done to everyone who gave it a go and received points to go towards their house total.

A **big thank you** to all of the teachers for their help and support on the day, and also to all of the parents who helped out - it is much appreciated!

The final house points were: 1st: Highgate (983 points) 2nd: Chapman (968) 3rd: Lynn (853) and Shetland (785).

The students who recorded the top amount of points for the day were:

YEAR 8:

Chris McNoe - 38 points

Meg McKay - 38

Georgia Baird - 31

Josh Vou - 30

YEAR 7:

Bailey Brandham - 28

Aleisha Ruske - 24

Hannah Close - 24

Sydney Evans Tobata - 24

Mack Faulks - 23

Good luck to the 100 Balmacewen students who will be representing our school at the North Zone athletics on Tuesday 3rd November. We look forward to more fantastic results!

Lauren Roney

UP COMING EVENTS

TERM CALENDER

3 November - North Zone Athletics

5-6 November - Science and Technology Road Show

6-7 November - South Island Waterpolo Competition

11 - 12 November - Wearable Arts

11 November - Choir workshop at school

17 November - Otago Athletics

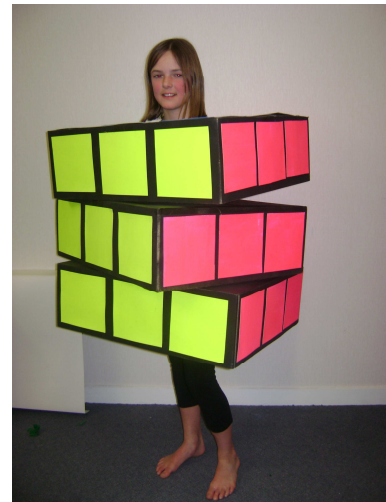
20 November - Room 7 and 13 at Art Gallery

25 November - Room 2 Challenge Day

27 November - Room 10 at Art Gallery

27 November - Speech Finals

WEARABLE ARTS



Wednesday November 11th and Thursday November 12th

Come and enjoy the show!

Adults: \$5, Students \$2

Balmacewen School Hall

7.00pm

Tickets available from the school office.
Door sales also!

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FONTERRA SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ROADSHOW

Next week we will be hosting the Science and Technology Roadshow. All classes will have the opportunity to visit the Roadshow over the two days it is here at our school. There will be a mixture of interactive activities for the students and two science shows. Please make sure you send back the permission slip and \$5.00 entry fee to the classroom teacher.

WATER POLO UPDATE

This term we have four teams entered in the Thursday competition. It is great to have lots of new players having a go this term also. We have had some great results already and many of the new players have improved quickly as they pick up the skills needed for the game.

Next weekend we have the South Island Water Polo Competition here in Dunedin on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We have entered two teams this year and we wish them luck with the very tough competition from the Christchurch teams they faced earlier in the year.

TOUCH

Term 4 has seen Balmacewen enter 6 teams in the Otago Touch Oval Junior Competition on a Thursday after school. Year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys Blue and Red, Year 8 Girls, Boys and Mixed. The teams are playing well and are enjoying themselves. The standard of touch is quite high and some good games are being played, especially in the boys' section.

Thank-you to all the parents who are transporting the players to the Oval, and to those who have agreed to help out as a manager or referee. Congratulations to those who successfully trialled for the Dunedin Metro Teams and we wish them good luck for the Otago Touch Trials this weekend in Balclutha.

BALMACEWEN INTERMEDIATE UNIFORM EXCHANGE

2009 - 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.

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CANTEEN

Monday 30th November - Due to my absence, noodles will be the only lunch food available. The canteen will be open at interval and lunch for snack food. Apologies, Mrs Hall.

Sushi - due to the increase in price it was decided not to continue with this.

STUDENTS' WORK

ROOM 7'S TRIP TO THE CHINESE GARDENS

"The lions out the front guard the spirit inside the Chinese Gardens," chirped David the tour guide. "The Chinese believe that two lions - a female and a male - perched outside any sacred place, guard it from evil spirits."

We stared up in awe at the big colourful arch towering above us, gazing at the beautiful Chinese patterns delicately painted across it.

"Is that real gold?" Sam W asked as David finished his sentence, pointing up to the arch.

David chuckled.

"No," he smiled. "Not quite."

We ambled inside, careful not to make prints on the polished wooden floor and then David led us out to a path out the back where he showed us where the staffroom was.

"The staffroom is meant to be a place of peace and serenity," he explained. "But this doesn't happen often as it is very close to the traffic."

As David showed us more and more of the Chinese Gardens, we all came to realise how much of a magical place it was.

Everything apart from the fish, plants water and concrete was imported from China.

David showed us many amazing things, like the special bamboo tree, the tearoom with the Chinese food, the Pavilion and an interesting rock that looked very much like wood, but was actually a rock.

The Chinese Gardens was a great experience, and we hope to go back there sometime.

By Mackenzie, Ashleigh and Marara
Room 7



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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:

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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.



Light Party is a family- friendly celebration!

Games, bouncy castles, food and entertainment - for children up to year 8. Under 7s must be accompanied by an adult.

Only \$2.00 entry per person - no extra costs.

No scary costumes please.

31st October 4pm - 7pm 48 Stafford Street

HOUSE TO LET

Wakari, Craighall Crescent - available now. 2 Bedroom, OSP, heatpump, deck. Phone Tania 4878 351

anglican family care CAREGIVERS WANTED

Have you got room in your family for one more?

Anglican Family Care urgently needs caregivers to provide short term and respite care for children and young people 0-16 years who for a variety of reasons need time out from their home situations.

Quality training and support are provided. Remuneration by way of a Board Payment.

For more information please contact:
Ginnie Ravell on (03) 477 0801

Safe boating Education AND Adventure not to be missed!! at Stewart Island

15+ year olds

17-23 December

Dayskipper Course and Voyage

Live-in course in Bluff for two days then adventure on board Elwing for 5 days at Stewart Island - Sail - Snorkel - Kayak - Trek
- EXPERIENCE THE WILDERNESS while learning to go boating safely! -

11-13 year olds

26-30 January 2010

Adventure Voyage & Dayskipper Experience course
Five day 'live'in' tailor-made adventure of discovery on board
Elwing at Stewart Island.
- sail - snorkel - kayak - trek -

Only 10 bunks available on each voyage and these are filling up fast!

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