



BALMACEWEN  
INTERMEDIATE

## BALMACEWEN NEWS

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### Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been a busy start to the term with interviews and Open Night being the major highlights.

Following interviews, I have received positive feedback from parents regarding the mid-year report format with special emphasis on National Standards information. Whilst we are required to provide National Standard achievement information in reading, writing and maths, it is still very important that we continue to provide an overall picture of a child's development. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any comments or concerns.

A big thank you to all students who assisted with Open Night. Every comment I received mentioned what great ambassadors our students were in talking to and assisting families during the night.

Kind Regards

Andrew Hunter

## YEAR 7 NEWS

It has been a busy start to the term. It was great to meet with most of our parents for interviews in Week One, and then to catch up with a few more at our Puberty Information Evening.

Year 7 classes are continuing to learn about the human body and will gradually move into learning about changes at puberty over the next week or two. We hope you engage in some interesting conversations at home as a result of these lessons. If you didn't manage to make the parent meeting last Wednesday feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you would like a copy of the presentation so you know what exactly is going to be covered in the lessons.

All classes will spend a day at Long Beach in the middle and later weeks of this term. All students will be rock climbing as part of this day and individual class teachers will send out notices closer to the time of their class' trip. We need plenty of parental help to make this day happen so again touch base with your class teacher if this sounds like an activity you would like to help out with.

Winter sports are drawing to a close and it has been great to see so many Year 7 students involving themselves in a range of these sports. A special thank you to all of the coaches and parents who have made this possible in a variety of ways.

I know all classes are training hard for the school's cross country which is taking place in Week 5; it is great to hear the students commenting about fitting in extra exercise outside of school time in an effort to increase their fitness. I'm sure all of our pupils will do very well on the day.

Sara Quelch and Beth Downie

## YEAR 8 NEWS

It has been an awesome start to the term, with a host of saturation activities to get the students switched on to our theme of Impact. With a visit to the Art Gallery, experts in from Future-Intech and the homework challenge sheet, the students have had numerous opportunities to learn a lot about environmental issues.

The challenge now is for the students to investigate a topic of their own choosing which focuses on the questions "How can I make a difference?" and "What impact do we have on our environment?" This investigation will occupy a large component of both theme and homework time in the following weeks. An important aspect will be to interview an expert as part of the information gathering process. This expert could be a family member / business connection / teacher.

We look forward to these results and will provide an opportunity to share these investigations with you all later in the term.

Terry Tarapi and Lisa Shea

## SPORTS AWARDS

**Georgia Budd** - Otago U12 Waterpolo Team  
**Jayden Hollander** - Otago U48kg Rugby Team  
**Sam Angus** - Otago U48kg Metro Rugby Team  
**Christian Blackie** - Otago U48kg Rugby Team (Captain)  
**Jarell Pattison** - Otago U48kg Rugby  
**Tyler Glover** - Otago U38kg Rugby  
**Ben Fallows** - Bronze Medal, Oceania Taekwon-do Competition,  
**Abbey Baird** - Otago Invitational Y7 Netball Team  
**Michael Sewell** - Otago Hatch Hockey B Tm  
**Caitlin Robb** - Collier B Hockey U13  
**Natasha Whyte** - Otago Intermediate Diving Squad

## MUSIC NEWS

Well done to the following students who recently sat Modern School of Music piano exams and achieved excellent results:

### *Initial*

Rosie Craven	Honours
Eleanore Hamel	Honours
Ella Barton	Distinction
Hannah Close	Merit
Lachlan Graham	Pass
Hannah Mason	Pass

### *Preliminary*

Aisling Beamish	Honours
Olivia Gold	Honours

Also, Katia Shennan won the Music Scholarship for Columba College for next year, well done Katia.

A reminder that **MUSIC FEES** for this term can be paid at any time and are due by Week 9. Music fees are \$50 per term.

## DENTAL CLINIC

Thank you to all students who have brought back Dental Treatment Forms - a reminder that no treatment can be carried out without forms being received. Please ask if your child has this form to be signed and returned.

To Year 8 Caregivers, a reminder to return Dentist Cards as soon as possible so they can be processed to receive free dental care until students are 18 years old.

## ENROLMENTS

Many thanks to all of those who have enrolled their child for 2011, confirmation letters will go home shortly. If you are intending to send your child to Balmacewen in 2011 and haven't yet enrolled we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible regardless if you are in zone or not.

## SOUTHLAND SPORTS EXCHANGE

Balmacewen hosted a very successful sports exchange last Friday. A full report will come in our next newsletter but the results are as follows:

Basketball 3-1

Hockey - Win to Balmacewen

Netball 1-1

Rugby - Win to Southland

Soccer- Win to Balmacewen



## HEAD LICE

There has been at least one case of head lice identified within the school. It is very important that all students are aware of this and check their hair, especially those students with long hair.

We would appreciate it if students and families could take responsibility for managing their child's head lice so that it doesn't spread within the school, as it can become a costly exercise for those parents who have to repeatedly treat for head lice. Students could also take other precautions such as tying long hair back, and washing beanies, caps etc.

## UP COMING EVENTS

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

For a full calendar please refer to our website.

9-12 August

9-13 August

16 August

20 August

30 August

- Scholastic Book Fair

- Room 23 Camp

- Otago Science Fair

- School Cross Country

- Year 7 Rock Climbing

## LES MILLS SCHOOL OF FITNESS

The whole school is involved in getting fit! By now you'll have received your Les Mills School of Fitness package and you're hopefully taking advantage of the free membership.

Remember every time you visit Les Mills our school gets \$1.00. If you're already a Les Mills member, great, you're already doing your bit as a healthy, fit role model for your kids. Why not pass on the 14 day tickets to exercise passes to your friends, family and neighbours, and get them fundraising for your kids. All money raised will be used to buy sports equipment.

### BOOK FAIR

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair in our Library 9-12 August inclusive.

It will be open for students during their class library time and lunchtimes 12.30pm-1.00pm and after school 3.00pm-4.00pm each day. Families are most welcome to visit. There will be a great selection of books to purchase.

## SKI TRIPS - TREBLE CONE & CARDRONA

Due to the disappointment of not being able to ski last weekend because of the weather, we have booked another weekend at **Cardrona**

for **21/22 August** which is also the same weekend for our trip to **Treble Cone**.

Cardrona are only able to offer us limited spaces, but we don't have a limit on numbers for Treble. As a school we are offered very reasonable rates by these skifields. The cost for Cardrona will be approximately \$65 per day (\$7 more for snowboard hire) and for Treble Cone \$60 per day - this is for lift, lesson and ski/snowboard hire. We do not arrange transport or accommodation.

Please get your child to collect a notice from the office if you are interested in either of these trips.

### DISCO ON ICE

Sat. 11 Sept - 5.15pm-7.15pm -\$10 p.p.  
 Dress-up theme: TV, Movies, Cartoons  
 Refreshments available. Spot prizes.  
 Fundraiser for Otago 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Rep. Football Team.  
 Tickets available from Holly in Rm 25.

### CANTEEN PRICE LIST

LUNCH ORDERS ARE TAKEN IN THE CANTEEN EACH MORNING: 8.30 – 9AM  
 PLEASE NOTE ::: we do not heat extra food  
LUNCH FOODS: AVAILABLE EVERYDAY

Filled rolls or Dagwood sandwiches (chicken, ham, vegetarian)	3.50
Toasted sandwiches- ham, cheese, tomato, onion	
3 fillings =	3.00
2 fillings=	2.50
Cheese roll	1.20
American hot dogs (saveloy in long roll)	2.00
Rapperz (Hawaiian calzone)	2.50
Noodles (beef or chicken)	2.00
Beef Burger	3.00
Chicken Burger	3.00
Murphies Mince Bites	2.50
Marlow Pies <b>WEDS ONLY</b> Mince	2.50
Steak,Steak & Cheese, Mince & Cheese	3.00

### SNACK FOODS

Frozen Yoghurt-strawberry or raspberry	2.50
Shapes Crackers- Bbq, Cheese/Bacon, Roast	
Chicken,Sweet Chilli	2.00
Corn Chips - Mexican or Salsa	1.20
Cookies- Choc Chip or Triple Choc	1.00
Popcorn	.50
Juicies-Tropical,Orange,Wildberry,Lemonade	.80

### DRINKS

Plain water	1.80
Flavoured water	3.00
Just Juice Splash 125ml box	1.00
Hot Chocolate or Milo	
-order for interval or lunch	1.50

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### KING'S HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Year 9 students for 2011 are now being taken. Information packs along with scholarship information can be collected from King's main office or phone 455 7547.

**An adventure experience not to be missed!!**

**Stewart Island**

Combined Schools Voyage

Year 10/11

30 August – 3 September 2010

School Holiday Adventure

11-13 year olds

4-8 October 2010

Live on board a 14 metre yacht

Sail – Snorkel – Kayak - Trek

- EXPERIENCE -

Five day adventure of discovery at Stewart Island.

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