



BALMACEWEN
INTERMEDIATE

BALMACEWEN NEWS

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TERM 1 - No. 2

WELCOME

It's been a great start to the year! As you will see from this newsletter there are plenty of busy people at Balmacewen.

Thank you to all students who have risen to the challenges that the start of year brings. Mainly this is to do with making friends and supporting one another. It is a crucial element of our school culture and is something we continually strive towards.

Some special opportunities such as the school powhiri, class camps, house sports and buddy classes have contributed to the good feeling in our school.

Many thanks to all parents who have assisted with camps and swimming, your help is greatly appreciated. As usual, please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Kind Regards

Andrew Hunter

REFLECTIONS



YEAR 7 NEWS

Wow what a busy start to the term, students have been participating in swimming lessons, some are learning the ukulele or marimba and our first three classes have been to camp already. Year 7 classes are well under way with their IDENTITY unit. We have been learning about early New Zealand and working towards answering our big question "How are we shaped by our past?" To assist in this learning Year 7 classes are all visiting the Early Settlers Museum for a day. Our reading programme supports our IDENTITY unit and the students are reading journals and articles related to the early Dunedin and New Zealand topic.

Moving into the second part of the term, students will be beginning their inquiries. They will be developing questions based on their recent learning about early New Zealand. Using these questions the

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students will then need to interview a grandparent or someone similar to learn more about how they are shaped by their past.

Our Year 7 classes have some fantastic blog pages which you can check out via our school web page. Students are interacting about their Term One topic on our Blog pages. You can also see photos of recent school events and check out timetables and notices.

Thank you to all parents who have helped to transport our students to and from the museum, camp parents and those that have endured the big walk up Pacific Street to and from the pool with our classes.

Sara Quelch



YEAR 8 NEWS

Kia Ora families and friends of our Year 8 students.

We have had a wonderful start to the year with our Year 8 students extending the hand of friendship to the Year 7 students. The staff were extremely proud of the way the Year 8 students worked with their buddy classes and at the school Powhiri. These activities

certainly made the Year 7 students feel welcomed.

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at our "Meet the Teacher Evening" and it gave us a prime opportunity to explain classroom procedures. All Year 8 classes have been building positive relationships with one another and the children have settled into their new class routines.

Our integrated theme for this Term is called Survivor. This will see the students:

- Visit the Portobello Aquarium to examine the special features of marine creatures
- Participate in a year group triathlon
- Create a class Sasa to perform at a school assembly
- Develop leadership skills by organising and participating in class and school wide events

This outdoor experience is sure to be a major highlight of your child's time at Balmacewen. The cost of this week at camp is \$135, which can be paid off at the school office. If you are experiencing difficulty with the cost of this activity then please contact Mr Hunter, as it is our wish that all students take part in this activity.



We really do appreciate the help and support that you provide with the running of our programmes. We look forward to working with you in future events.

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HOUSE CAPTAINS

This week each house group had house meetings to hear speeches from those Year 8 students wishing to be a house captain for 2010. Well done to all of those students who got up and gave a speech - it is often not an easy thing to do in front of your peers!

Teachers from each house selected two house captains and four 'team leaders'. Team leaders help out house captains at school sporting events and also help to organise their house team at Friday house sports.

Congratulations to the following people who are Balmacewen's 2010 house captains:

Chapman: Sydney Evans-Tobata and Bailey Brandham

Shetland: Cameron Sims and Emily Alloo

Highgate: Aleisha Ruske and Mack Faulks

Lynn: Jordan McEntee, Mackenzie Reeves and Ebony McClintock

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP CHILDREN

Chapman Street is very busy before and after school. Please take care and avoid those dotted yellow lines. We would suggest that the best place to pick up your child would be at the Kaikorai Rugby Football Club car park. This would easily be the safest and easiest place to collect

HOMEWORK

It is normal for our students to be given approximately 30 minutes per night. This work is usually a mix of known theme work and retention and practice. If you would not like your child to receive homework then please contact your child's teacher.

TOUCH

We have 6 teams entered in the Oval Primary module on a Thursday after school, and last week we got off to a terrific start with all teams winning, despite the weather. Thanks to all the parents who were on the sides supporting in the rain. It was greatly appreciated by the players. Games will continue each week until the end of term.

WEB SITE and RED TOP TV

The Balmacewen website www.balmacewen.school.nz has a wealth of information on it. It has an up to date calendar, students' work can be viewed in the art gallery, links to what your child is learning in class via the curriculum link and classroom activities can be found in the blog link. If your child should lose the newsletter which comes out on the last Friday of each month then these can be found here.

For the last three years we have had our own television station, Red Top TV. Aleisha Ruske and Luke Major will be this year's hosts and the first episode for 2010 will be online this weekend.

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UP COMING EVENTS

CALANDER

March 1 -3 - Room 3 at Camp
March 2 - Kiwigolf for Rooms 6,7,8,10
March 3-5 - Room 7 at Camp
March 3 - Room 1 at ESM
March 5 - Room 10 at ESM
March 8-10 - Room 5 at Camp
March 8 - Room 9 at Aquarium
March 9 - Room 11 at ESM
March 9 - Room 14 at Aquarium
March 9 - Kiwigolf for Rooms 6,7,8,10
March 10 - Room 13 at ESM
March 10 - Kiwigolf for 24,25,26
March 10-12 - Room 1 at Camp
March 11 - Room 23 and 8 at Aquarium
March 12 - Room 24 at ESM
March 15 - 19 - Room 4 at Camp
March 15 - 17 - Room 11 at Camp
March 16,17,18 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
March 16 - Kiwigolf for Room 3 and 5
March 17 - Kiwigolf for Room 1,13,4,9
March 17-19 - Room 10 at Camp
March 19 - School swimming sports
March 22 - Otago Anniversary Day
March 26 - Year 8 Triathlon
March 31 - Southland Sports
April 1 - Last day of school

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We would like to warmly welcome all parents to meet your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class. These interviews will be held primarily over the 16th, 17th and 18th of March after school but will be subject to change due to your child's teacher's availability.

NOEL LEEMING FRIEND AND FAMILY WEEKEND

Noel Leeming is offering us a great weekend deal, with specials in shop just for the Balmacewen families and their friends. Watch out for the flyer that will come home in March with some of their deals just for us in every department, including computers, gaming, and small appliances. These will not be advertised anywhere else. For the days of Friday 19th and Saturday 20th March we can go shopping at Noel Leeming Dunedin, and the school will get a % of the total spent.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

The school will be observing Otago Anniversary Day on March 22nd and therefore the school will be closed.

ART ROOM

The Art Room would appreciate donations of any Cuisine, Dish or Food magazines.
Ms Brady

SHORTS, TRACKPANTS AND JACKETS

Order forms will be sent home next week for Canterbury shorts and trackpants and the school sports jacket. Sample sizes will be available to try on from the office later in the week.

NEW SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT

The school has changed banks and we are now with the National Bank, account number 06 0901 0397455 00.

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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 choices (ham, cheese, tomato, onion, spaghetti)	3 fillings 3.00
	2 fillings 2.50
Spaghetti toasties(½ bun, spaghetti, cheese)	1.50
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

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 box	1.00
bottle	2.20



SPECIAL THANKS

To all the parents who have attended Year 7 camps, Early Settlers Museum visits and Swimming. Without your support Balmacewen Intermediate would not be able to provide such a diverse programme.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHILDREN'S DAY

"Park and Play" Nairn St Reserve
Sunday 7th March 10.30am-3pm

Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Games, Food, Competitions, Face Painting, Candy Floss, Prizes, Lots of Fun

Competitions: Poem - "Praise & Encourage" - post entries to Kaikorai Church, 127 Taieri Rd, Dn (closes 26 Feb.)
Portrait, Lego/Duplo/Mechano Model, Sandsaucer - all entries to be brought to event - judging commences at 12 noon.

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KAIKORAI JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Registration \$40 per player \$60 per family 2+.

Sun. 7 March 10am-12pm and Wed. 10 March 6pm-8pm at Bishopscourt Clubrooms off Lynn St - **free ball** if you register and pay subs on day. For more info. Contact Lisa or Lloyd 453 4884 or 021 0235 7305.

DUNEDIN JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Registration Sun. 7 March 1pm-3pm and Wed. 10 March 5.30pm-7.30pm

New members receive free ball, gear bag, mouthguard. **All existing members** receive free ball and mouthguard.

Wugby (Under 5's) - registered players receive free shorts, socks, gear bag, ball and mouthguard. For more info. Ring Jo Su'a 453 0155 or Sonia Gill 453 3397

PLAINS JUNIOR TRYATHLON

(East Taieri School) **Mon. 1st March - Memorial Park Mosgiel** - registrations from 5pm - races start 6pm. (no entries on day). Have a try - 5-7yrs, 8-10yrs and 11-14yrs. \$15 indiv. Or \$10 team or \$10 each sibling. Entries to East Taieri School, Mosgiel pool, Mrs Wylie (Balmac. Int) or www.east-taieri.school.nz

JUNIOR DUATHLON

(Rotary Park School) **Sun 28 Feb**
Rotary Park School check in 8.30-9.15am - \$10 early registration or late registration \$15 on day till 9am. Girls and boys compete separately. Free safety checks by Browns Avanti Plus, 110 Crawford St.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PARTNERS NZ

(Working with Migrants and Refugees)

English 100 - a free part time 100-hour programme for people who want to improve their reading, writing and numbers/maths skills and learn about life in New Zealand. Classes start in March.
English for Employees - a free part time flexible 25 hour programme for people who are working and want to improve their language, literacy and numeracy for the workplace.

Both programmes are for people who have English as a second language. Learners must be permanent residents or citizens. For more information please contact English Language Partners Dunedin, Otago Polytechnic, phone 477 7261.

ST BERNADETTE'S GYMNASTIC CLUB



We aim to provide affordable gymnastic activities that can be enjoyed by children at whatever level they wish to take part. This includes recreational and competitive gymnastics. Anyone may belong. We cater for boys and girls from 5 years old. We are a gymnastic club not an academy or school.

Phone - Tricia Broad, 4557299. Angela Cromb 4531968 for more details.

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