



BALMACEWEN
INTERMEDIATE

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TERM 2 - No. 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Winter has definitely arrived! We are over halfway through Term 3 and even though the weather has turned cold and wet, we are still flat out with all the typical school activities.

Enrolment Zone

We have received many calls from concerned parents regarding our Enrolment Zone. Hopefully the zone will be approved in the very near future. Our normal "enrolment season" begins at the start of Term 3 with Open Evening on Wednesday August 4. If you have any questions regarding the zone, please call me at the school office.

Every week I speak to parents who are helping Balmacewen in many ways. From sports to camps and class inquiry I thank you all for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Andrew Hunter

YEAR 7 NEWS

We are half way through Term 2, which means there are only 4 more weeks until Science Fair Projects need to be completed and presented. By now the students should have researched their big idea, and used this to make an informed hypothesis. They should now be carrying out their experiments/investigations or creating their invention. Please remind your son or daughter to take notes and photographs as evidence along the way and to continue developing their log books. Please touch base with your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries about the Science Fair.

Our class trips to the Orokonui Ecosanctuary were very successful and culminated in each class entering their 5 best photos into the Otago Wildlife Photography Competition. An exhibition of this competition will be held at the Otago Museum, opening on 3rd June, hopefully we have some prize winners.

Year 7 will be having a small exhibition of its own. We will be displaying the best of our Orokonui photographs, Nigel Brown influenced art works and a few samples of writing. The exhibition will be available for parents, grandparents and friends to view on Wednesday afternoon next week between 3.00pm and 6.00pm in the school hall.

As we move into the second half of this term there is still plenty of learning ahead, all Year 7 classes will be learning

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about the traditional Maori celebration of Matariki, it would be great to have a member of our school community with knowledge of Maori traditions or Matariki to come and talk to the students, if you think you can contribute in some way please let your child's teacher know. If you would like more information on the Matariki celebration and what is happening around Otago over this time check out

<http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/events/major-city-events/matariki-2010>.

We will be summarising our learning about reversible and irreversible changes from our kitchen chemistry unit and learning presentation techniques to use on our Science Fair display board.

In mathematics we are in the final weeks of multiplication and division strategies and will begin statistics for use in our Science Fair results and discussions.

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Thank you to all parents and families for their continued hard work and support with Science Fair Projects, these are progressing well and we look forward to seeing the end results in Week 10.

Sara Quelch

YEAR 8 NEWS

This term has rocketed by and the students have only 4 more weeks until Science Fair Projects need to be completed and presented. By now the students should have researched their idea, and made an informed hypothesis.

They should now be carrying out their experiments/investigations or creating their invention. The aim for all Year 8 students is to complete their project independently, with both teachers and parents providing guidance. Remember that it is your child's responsibility to complete this assignment.

Our classroom focus for the next few weeks will centre on our forensics theme. The CSI interactive web site has been a fantastic introduction to the world of forensics. To complement this, as a Year group we have prepared 6 investigations for all classes to conduct. This will involve finding out about finger prints, blood splatters, handwriting analysis... It promises to be a fun and informative learning experience.

The students have enjoyed writing for the Year 8 Short Story Competition. We all look forward to reading these and the winners will be announced shortly. These will then be posted onto our school web site.

Thanks for all the follow up work with the Math Mega Month, the students' tables have improved immensely. This will definitely help with the final weeks of learning multiplication and division strategies.

Thank you to all our Year 8 community for your continued hard work and support with our programmes.

Kind Regards, Year 8 Staff

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SPORTS AWARDS

Charlotte Becconsall-Ryan - Bronze medal in Speech and Drama. Charlotte received the highest mark in Dunedin in Grades 1-4.

Holly Armstrong - Otago Under 11 Discus Champion.

CANTEEN

Nachos - \$4.00 available on Wednesdays only for Term 2.

Noodles - Our supplier is having trouble getting this stock so sorry they are unavailable again.

Hot Chocolate or Milo - \$1.50 - for Terms 2 and 3 only

SCHOOL SKI WEEKEND

With the cold weather upon us many of our thoughts turn to skiing. This year Balmacewen will be offering two school ski trips, one to Cardrona on the weekend of 31 July/1 August and one to Treble Cone 21/22 August (to be confirmed).

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 similar for Treble Cone. This is for lift, lesson and ski hire and is a great way to introduce your child to the sport of skiing! The dates, costs and further information will be sent home shortly. We do not arrange transport or accommodation.

Sandra Paterson and Simon Clarke

SCIENCE FAIR DISPLAY BOARDS

Science Fair display boards can be purchased from the Library before school and at lunchtimes - cost \$10.00.

Thank you. Kath Nol

UP COMING EVENTS

31 May - 4 June - Room 2 at camp

31 May - Young Leaders' Day

4 June - Board Nominations Close

4 June - Mega Math Swim

7 June - Queen's Birthday

8 June - Music Festival Practise

18 June - Board Elections Close

23 June - Music Festival Practise

23-24 June - Science & Technology Fair

2 July - Term 2 Ends

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CONQUERORS' YOUTH GROUP

Conquerors' Youth Group welcomes young people 12 to 16 years, fortnightly on Saturday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Wray St Cornerstone Youth Hall in Brockville. To find out more please call Bethney Stewart 4767888

NIGEL LATTA EVENING

Grant's Braes School are holding an evening "Before Your Teenagers Drive You Crazy" with Nigel Latta in the Otago Boys High School Auditorium on Monday 14 June at 7.30pm. This is Nigel's only "Teen Talk" in Dunedin this year - so buy your tickets early as they are selling fast. Phone 454 4717 or email

office@grantsbraes.school.nz

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2010 Orientation Day

19th of June 2010 at

THE REMARKABLES

10.20am Signup at Guest Services

10.30am Welcome in Training Room

The Orientation day will include a brief familiarisation of the building and 2009 updates, a ski area tour followed by a BBQ lunch. Following this you are at liberty to explore the ski area with a complementary afternoon lift pass, ski rentals and guided tour if you wish.

Please RSVP (Maximum of 2 people per School/Group) to Lauren Hetherington via email school@coronetpeak.co.nz or fax 034424637 by the 1st of June 2010

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 477 0801

ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF CAMP

Presented by Director of Golf Dominic Sainsbury - NZ Golf High Performance

Development Coach. Practise and play is to be split between 15-bay Driving Range and the Putting Complex at Rotorua Boys' High School and the Rotorua Golf Club 18 hole Champion course. Camp package includes - coaching, accommodation, all meals, green fees, entertainment and final day tournament entry and prizes. Cost \$490 - email registration of interest now - registrations close 2 July at 3pm.

Email BWalker@rotoruaoyshigh.school.nz

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before School and After School Care in the CBD - take the morning and evening stress out of your day. Let us take your children to school and pick them up after school so you can be at work on time and leave when the day is over without the hassle of the 5 o'clock traffic to the suburbs. Before School 7.30am - arriving at school (starting Term 3) After School 3pm - 6pm. Enquire now OSCAR approved and WINZ subsidies available for qualifying families.



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