



## Calendar

### May

27 - 29 40 Hour Famine

30 - 31 Room 4 Camp

31st Erin Simpson Show filming  
Maggi Group

### June

1st Rugby Interchange with  
John McGlashan

#### Year 7 Art Gallery Visits

13th Rooms 7 & 3

14th Rooms 5 & 10

15th Rooms 1 & 26

#### Year 7 Orokonui Visits

7th Rooms 7 & 10

10th Rooms 24 & 26

13th Rooms 1 & 3

17th Rooms 11 & 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It gives me great pleasure to write my first report as Acting Principal. We have had a great start to the term with students busy gearing up for science fair investigations and also working hard on learning their basic facts



as part of the Mega Math Month. I look forward to seeing the improvements that the students have made over the "Mega Math Month" which are not available at the time of printing but can be found at

[www.balmacewen.school.nz](http://www.balmacewen.school.nz)

It is also especially pleasing to see we have 333 students taking part in a winter sport this term and 344 involved in a cultural activity. It is this kind of involvement which is a real strength of our school. I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank the staff and our volunteer parents who give up so much of their time to ensure our students get every opportunity to follow their interests.

One final thank you, to the many parents who have attended or will be attending Year 8 camps. It has been wonderful to hear such positive comments from students, staff and parents alike about their experiences at camp.

Kind Regards

Simon Clarke

Acting Principal

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# Year Seven News



**Charlotte Cooper**



A lot of fun has been happening in Year 7 classes this term with our Kitchen Chemistry lessons. Classes have been looking at the states of matter and the chemical and physical changes that happen with household products. There has been a lot of popping, fizzing, and oozing. Check out the classroom blogs to see the

students in action.

The Year 7 students have made a great start with their Science Fairs. There are only five 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 child 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.



Today we had Kerry from Kelk photography come and speak to the Year 7 students about how to take a good photo. The students will be putting her advice in to action when we visit the Orokonui Eco-sanctuary in June. They will be taking some nature photography on their visit as well as finding out about the Sanctuary. So if you haven't been to the eco-sanctuary before here's your chance.

The students will also be visiting the Art Gallery this term to do some Maori themed art to coincide with Matariki (The Maori New Year). A letter will come home regarding this shortly. We will be bussing the students to these activities but will need parent helpers to attend also.



Well done to all the Year 7 students who have joined a winter sport. Great to see so many of you making the most of what school has to offer.

# Year Eight News



Terry Tarapi

A major focus this term, for your child, is their Science Fair Exhibition. 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.

All classes have begun the introductory sessions that will hopefully motivate the students into action. Thank you to all the helpers who assisted classes with the visits to the Museum. This hands on session was invaluable in the teaching of how to conduct a test. By now the students should have researched their idea and made an informed hypothesis. The next step is to plan their testing/invention with the aim of beginning their investigation ASAP.



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



Our classroom focus for the second part of the term will centre on our forensics theme. To facilitate this we have prepared six investigations for all classes to conduct. This will involve finding out about finger prints, blood splatters, handwriting analysis... With our interactive web sites and specialists coming into school, it promises to be a fun and informative learning experience.



Room 4 are very excited about their upcoming week at camp and the last minute preparations are well under hand. Room 13 have certainly had a great week, especially with the fine weather and have enjoyed the range of team building activities. This concludes our programme for term 2. Rooms 14, 23 and 6 will go to camp in Term 3.

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





Good luck to the 110 students who have signed up to do the 2011 Famine. The famine is this weekend. If for any reason you are unable to do the times that are set out, feel free to change them to suit your needs.

You need to be organised to ensure you are planned for what you want to do.

Once you have completed the famine, you need to collect the money from your sponsors and return it to school as soon as you are able to.

Thank you for your generosity. The money you raise will change the lives of children in East Timor.

## Gold Netball Team meet Southern Steel Players

On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May the Gold Netball team and three other classes had the opportunity to go listen to Daneka Wipiiti and Te Paea Selby-Rickit from the Southern Steel.

The players started out by telling us a little bit about themselves and their professional careers. They asked us some questions and handed out some posters and calendars. We all got some great tips about how to be better sports people, how to focus on a goal and the importance of training hard and taking care of our bodies when training.

We also had Ross and Sarah from the Police come in and talk to us about road safety and to make sure we keep ourselves safe by making it click.

Written by Emma Ward & Melina Palmer: Captain and Vice-Captain of the [GOLD TEAM](#)

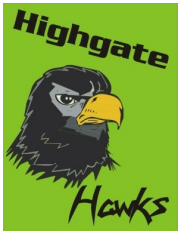


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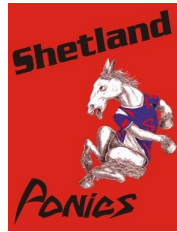
## House News



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Although the weather has not been kind to us, we have been able to continue our Inter House Sports Competition. At the end of Term 1, Yr 7s had a Small Ball Tournament, in which all teams performed well, earning their respective houses valuable points. Also this Term in conjunction with the 40hr Famine, we are awarding points to the Houses. The most number of Students from each House involved in the Famine is being headed by the Chapman Chimps with 30. So the more people you get to sponsor you the more points you can earn for your House. Good Luck!

Billy Napier House Sports Co-ordinator

## Maggi Intermediate Schools Kitchen Showdown 2011

Congratulations Team Balmac. Out of over 100 entries, Team Balmac's Greek Fiesta Meal was selected as one of the South Island 10 Finalists. So we have been practicing hard on Fridays and serving up lunch to a number of the staff, who have been excellent food critics for us. *The Erin Simpson Show* film crew arrives at school on Tuesday afternoon to record us making our meal for the website. We head away to Christchurch in July for the South Island Finals. The team is getting very excited. Don't forget to check out *The Erin Simpson Show* website to see the team, and their recipe and follow their adventures online.

Alex Buttery



India Lillis (R3), Mitchell Briggs (R23), Shaniia Taita (R6) & Team Leader Sam Kilsby (R13).

## Science and Technology Fair



By now all students should be underway with ideas for this term's inquiry project for our Science and Technology Fair. Classrooms have been busy with lots of discussion and planning. They have been conducting experiments and investigations to get the students thinking about science and the world around them. This is a great chance for pupils to choose an area or interest of their own to explore further. Our school library has a display of past project winners and highly commended as well as sample log books. Stu-

dents are able to view and discuss these during their library times. Parents are also welcome to come and view these before or after school to see what the finished project can look like. Science Fair display boards are available for purchase from the school library or office for \$10.00.

Lisa Shea

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# Basketball News



This year we have over 115 students playing basketball with 4 Year 8 boys teams, 3 Year 7 boys teams and 2 each in the Year 7 and 8 girls sections.

This would not be possible without the generous help of our coaches; Grant Roydhouse, Julie Robinson, Gavin Briggs, Vicky Totoro, Angela Ruske, Emma Gough and Glenda Kaan. Also thanks to our teachers Lisa Shea, Andrew Sloan, Luke Herden and Tony Martin for helping with teams.

All the teams have started well with good improvements in skills already evident and some great results from our “A” teams.

Thank you to the many families who have paid the \$40 subs for the season. I still have about 40 students to pay and it would be greatly appreciated if this could be paid as soon as a possible.

One final reminder is that the OceanaGold Nuggets are running a competition for Intermediate schools this weekend and the prize is a week of free coaching from the stars of the OceanaGold Nuggets. This will give all of our players a chance to experience some great new ideas and will give me a week off coaching at lunchtime!

To win, all we need to do is have the most players at this Saturday’s game against the Waikato Pistons and with over 100 students playing basketball this year, we should have a very good chance!

Simon Clarke

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# Pikelet Making



On a sunny afternoon one class was not outside soaking up the sun. Room 14 was in their classroom making pikelets.

Their aim was to make some pikelets, changing one variable and seeing what impact it had on the pikelets. After a lot of mixing, cooking and much panicking they served the first pikelets. Some people changed sugar to Raro, making the pikelets have an orange flavour. Some groups took out the eggs which made the mixture really thick. Banana milk didn’t change the pikelets much, except for the smell. Baking Soda made it taste salty. The ones with no butter, salt or sugar tasted gross. Water instead of milk looked and tasted like cardboard. Having no baking powder made them flat and chewy. Gluten-free flour made them sweeter and butter milk instead of milk tasted great.

After round one we started round two, the part we had all been waiting for, the ultimate pikelet challenge. In this round we added whatever we wanted, from chocolate and berries to peaches and sprinkles. After fifteen minutes of stressful mayhem the ultimate pikelets were served and topped with cream and chocolate, in some cases perhaps a little too much. Mr.Herden and Mr.Friend came to judge the ultimate pikelets, Mr.Herden seemed to be hard to please, pulling faces and giving out depressing scores, while Mr.Friend seemed to be more generous than expected. When they reached the final plate, Mr.Herden changed from his usual self and for a moment, ate quite a lot of the butter scotch pikelets . He gave a much higher score this helped group nine to victory.

They would like to thanks their amazing judges (from group 9 mainly!) for taste testing our pikelets in our amazing smelling class.

Natasha and Gemma

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16 keen and eager readers represented Balmacewen Intermediate very well in the recent NZ Post Book Awards Quiz Evening held at the Dunedin Public Library.

There was a quiz with 6 rounds with categories such as general knowledge, science and technology and literacy. There was also a large focus on the authors and the texts who were finalists in the NZ Post Children's Book Awards.

Our teams did very well with one team coming 5th out of 16 other Intermediate teams. Well done to all those children who participated in the quiz evening.

Beth Downie

## School Photographs

Orders for class photographs are now being taken. Orders with the money are to put in envelope provided and left at the school office by Wednesday 1st June. A proof of the photo can be viewed in the classroom. Cost \$14 per photo.

## ICAS Examination Dates

- Science - Tues 7 June
- Spelling - Tues 21 June
- Writing - Tues 21 June
- English - Tues 2 Aug
- Maths - Tues 16 Aug



## WANTED FOR SCHOOL CAMPS

If you have any old polyprops, thermals, woollens, jackets, polar fleeces, hats or gloves they are needed for use at schools camps. Please leave them at the office.

## Community Notices

Think about Chipmunks for all your before and after school care. We pick the children up from School and take them back to Chipmunks. Couldn't be easier for after work pick up given we are situated within town with car parking available, you don't need to stress about the traffic to get to the suburbs in time for pick up. We are open until 6pm. Before school care is available from 7.30am (or earlier if demand is there) so you can get your park and to that 8am shift or meeting on time. Don't leave your children wandering the streets in the cold and wet. We take the children to school.

Before, after school care and holiday programs are approved by OSCAR for WINZ subsidies. After school care from as little as \$8.50p/d (3 hours care) and before school care from as little as \$2.50 per morning (both subject to full WINZ subsidy approval).



In June/July 2011, students aged 14 – 19 years from Europe, the USA and South America will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit our website. <http://studentexchange.org.nz/>

# Otago Ski Club Children Ski & Snowboard Programme

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Coronet Peak, Queenstown

July 2011 NZ School Holidays

Week 1: 17 – 23 July or Week 2: 24 – 30 July



- Package includes •Lift Passes to Ski/Board NZSki.Com Coronet Peak for 6 days •Ski / Snowboard for 6 days, lessons for 5 days.
- Accommodation at Otago Ski Club, Joel Lodge, Coronet Peak, Queenstown for 6 nights •Breakfast and Dinner for duration of stay.
- Price 2011: Members OSC \$780.00: Non members of OSC \$830.00

For further info email: [skiweeks@osc.org.nz](mailto:skiweeks@osc.org.nz) To register for ski week go to: <http://www.osc.org.nz>

## CAREGIVERS WANTED

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Ginnie Ravell on 03 477 0801

## Cooking Classes with Stu Todd

Dunedin's very own MasterChef contestant Stu Todd will be running cooking class here at Balmacewen!

With help from Stu, cook your very own 3 course meal and enjoy it with a glass of wine.

Classes will be running on Friday nights, starting on the 3rd of June from 6:30-9pm. \$55 per pp in the Balmacewen Cooking Suite.

Please Contact Shauni on 0212742864 or email Stu at [masterchefstu@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:masterchefstu@hotmail.co.nz) to book your place.

**Classes are limited so be in quick**