



BALMACEWEN
INTERMEDIATE

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WELCOME

The Christchurch earthquake has dominated our thoughts this week. The images and stories from this disaster have touched us all. Our thoughts go out to Balmacewen families who have been affected in any way.

The Year 7 students are now very much part of our school and were formally welcomed by the Year 8 students with a powhiri. It was pleasing to see the co-operation and positive attitude of all students.

As you will see, Balmacewen is a very busy place! It's great to see such a massive uptake in sports and cultural activities. Thank you to all parents and helpers who have been involved with swimming, trips and camps. Your support is very much appreciated.

Kind Regards

Andrew Hunter



YEAR 7 NEWS

The Year 7 students have made a great start to the term and are settling nicely in to their new classrooms. They are also looking very smart in their uniforms.

This term is action packed and super busy. Our Year 7 students are heading to Waihola for their 3 day Camp this week and next. Fingers crossed for good weather. A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have offered help during the camp or with transporting students.

Our topic for this for term is 'Identity' where we will be learning about the history of New Zealand, Otago and ourselves and our past. We have planned excursions to the Early Settlers Museum to extend our students learning. Some of the Year 7 classes have also started music lessons learning the ukulele and marimba.

Swimming lessons have been going well and we are looking forward to the swimming sports, which will be the first chance for the students to complete in their house groups. It's been great to see so many Year 7 students getting involved in school activities. Lots of things have started already such as volleyball, touch, futsal, waterpolo and

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cricket. Music lessons also began this week. Hopefully every student will try something new this year and will get involved in everything that Balmacewen has to offer. Don't be shy it would be a shame to miss out.

Charlotte Cooper



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 2011. 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 2011 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.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Summer sports are well under way at Balmacewen! It is fantastic to see so many keen students signing up to play a sport (or sports!). Thank you to all parents for your support, and to the teachers who are coaching/organising a sports team this term.

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Volleyball - We have a school competition in the school hall which takes place on a Tuesday after school. We have ten teams playing as well as nine student referees which is fantastic! Mr Tarapi and Mrs Garthwaite are running our school volleyball competition.

Futsal - Mrs Cleland has been super busy getting the futsal teams up and running this term! We have 4 teams entered into the Intermediate competition and they play at the Edgar Centre on a Tuesday after school.

Waterpolo - Another popular summer sport, waterpolo began in Week 2. Balmacewen has 3 Year 8 teams and 1 Year 7 team entered in the Intermediate competition which is played on a Thursday after school. Mrs Shea is one of the coaches and co-ordinates all of the waterpolo teams, as well as Miss Kereopa, Miss McGregor, Benjamin Wardhaugh, Michael Gray and Chris Dingley.

Cricket - Milo cricket is underway with both boys and girls trials being held in the first 2 weeks. The boys Milo team, coached by Mr Hunter, have two convincing wins under their belt - having beat Fairfield School and Taieri College. Mr Clarke is also coaching a Year 7 boys team and a Year 8 B team, who have played each other at school recently. Mr Martin and Miss Roney have been holding girls trials, with a Milo girls team being selected this week. Their first game is against Macandrew Intermediate this week.

Touch - Mrs Buttery has been busy holding trials and co-ordinating our school touch teams this term. We have 7 teams entered in the Dunedin Primary Competition, which is held at the Kensington Oval on a Thursday after school. Mrs Buttery is a coach of one of the teams, as well as Mr Napier, Mrs Burden, Mrs Tasi-Cordtz, Mrs Cleland, Miss Oliver, Miss Roney and Andrew Keach.

Rippa Rugby - Rippa Rugby is due to start next week, with a competition being held on a Wednesday after school here at Bishops court. Miss

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, 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 as well.

For the last four years we have had our own television station, Red Top TV. Over 100 students auditioned this year and well done to the 20 students who were selected. A special well done to Zade Fairweather and Lola Garden for being selected as hosts this year.

Red Top TV can be found on the school's website and on youtube.

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UP COMING EVENTS

Feb 28 - Room 25 at Art Gallery
Mar 1 - Room 2 at Art Gallery
Mar 2 - Room 13 at Art Gallery
Mar 2 - Room 8 at Art Gallery
Feb 28-2 Mar - Room 5 and 26 at camp
Mar 2- 4 - Room 3 and 24 at camp
Mar 9 - Year 7 vision testing
Mar 11 - School Swimming Champs
Mar 14 - Room 6 & 4 at Aquarium
Mar 15 - Room 23 & 25 at Aquarium
Mar 15 - 17 - Parent teacher interviews
Mar 16 - Room 2 & 14 at Aquarium
Mar 17 - Room 8 & 13 at Aquarium
Mar 18 - Room 9 at Aquarium
Mar 21 - Otago Anniversary Day
Mar 25 - Year 8 Triathlon
Mar 28 - 1 April - Room 2 camp
Mar 31 - Choir outing

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 15th, 16th and 17th of March after school but will be subject to change due to your child's teacher's availability.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

The school will be observing Otago Anniversary Day on March 21st and therefore the school will be closed.

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 EVERY DAY

Filled rolls or Dagwood sandwiches (chicken, ham, vegetarian)	4.00
Toasted sandwiches (ham & cheese)	2.60
Cheese roll	1.30
American hot dogs (saveloy in long roll)	2.20
Rapperz (Hawaiian calzone)	2.60
Noodles (beef or chicken)	2.00
Beef Burger	3.20
Chicken Burger	3.20
Murphies Mince Bites	2.60

SNACK FOODS

Frozen Yoghurt(strawberry or raspberry)	2.60
Shapes crackers (bbq, cheese /bacon, roast chicken, sweet chilli)	2.00
Corn Chips (mexican or salsa)	1.30
Cookies (choc chip or triple choc)	1.00
Popcorn	.50
Juicies(tropical,orange,wildberry,lemonade)	1.00

DRINKS

Plain water	1.90
Flavoured water	3.20
Just Juice splash box	1.00

SPECIAL THANKS

To all the parents who have attended Year 7 Camps and Swimming. Without your support Balmacewen Intermediate would not be able to provide such a diverse programme.

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Room 11 at Camp

COMMUNITY NOTICES



ROSLYN WAKARI AFC

Junior Football Registration 2011
Friday 25th February - 5pm to 6:30pm
and

Saturday 26th February - 11am to 1pm
Ellis Park Clubrooms Frasers Road
Further Details Contact:
Peter Verwey: 454 4976

GUITAR TUITION

Professional Guitar Tuition.

For more information contact Matthew
Stuart on: Ph. 021 0322 486

Email: matthew-stuart@hotmail.com

Enquires about other instruments
welcome.

DUNEDIN GYMNASTIC ACADEMY

We are offering Advanced Incentive
Award Classes for gymnasts aged 10
years and older. These classes cover

artistic gymnastics, aerobics and
trampoline and are suitable for
beginners as well as those with some
gymnastic experience. Classes run 5.30-
7pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Contact dunedingymnastics@gmail.com or
phone 479 2808 for more information.

SQUASH COACHING

The Otago Squash Club (next to Bowl Line
in Kaikorai Valley) is offering 5 coaching
sessions for just \$10 during the month of
March. There will be coaching for
students every Thursday from 4 to 5 pm.
To register, please contact Sandra on
473-0527 or sandra.dunedin@gmail.com

NEW KERBSIDE RECYCLING SYSTEM

Dunedin's new kerbside recycling system
starts on 28 February, using new yellow-
lidded wheelie bins and your existing blue
bin. Rigid plastics showing a recycling
number 1-7, tins and cans, and
newspapers, paper and cardboard go in
the yellow-lidded wheelie bin, and
unbroken glass bottles and jars go in the
blue bin. The calendar that came with
your new wheelie bin is colour-coded to
show you which week is your yellow bin
week, and which is your blue bin week.
Please keep the calendar handy for future
reference.

If you have any questions about the new
service, please call 477-4000, or check
the DCC website at www.dunedin.govt.nz

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HEAD LICE

NIT NURSE

The Nit Nurse - effective, chemical-free head lice removal. Discrete in-home service. Jo Rowe RN,BA,PGDip - phone 487 8615, mobile 022 6507835, email jo.nitnurse@gmail.com

PARA PLUS HEAD LICE TREATMENT

Medical Treatment - Para Plus is an effective head lice treatment that is available from pharmacies nationwide.

Natural Treatment - Para Nit - the unique patented Para Nit formula is insecticide free and made from natural oils such as coconut, ylang-ylang, anise and flower oil.

Win a \$50 Toyworld Voucher each month until 31st Dec 2011 by entering the *Para Plus Colouring Competition* - entry forms can be obtained from class rooms.

ACT NOW DRAMA ACADEMY

Director - Erina Caradus, Act Now Studio - 9 Netherby Street (off Mornington Rd). Drama Classes for ages 1 year to Adults. Each class is designed around students' needs and skill levels.

Erina has 20 years experience, written and directed plays including the recent Narnia productions. As a trained secondary school teacher she is familiar with NCEA Drama and requirements of NZ curriculum.

For more information ring 453 6114, cell 027 6659328, or email

caradii@slingshot.co.nz or go to website www.actnowdrama.com

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