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**October**

24th Term 4 Starts

**November**

2nd Wearable Arts

1-3pm Matinee Show

7-10pm Evening Show

- 7. Room 5 Long Beach Trip
- 8. Room 24 Long Beach Trip
- 9. Room 1 Long Beach Trip
- 11. Room 10 Long Beach Trip
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- 14-16 Royal NZ Ballet creative dance workshops with Yr7
- 21-22 Science Fair Roadshow

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's been great getting back into school life after a term and a half away. My time away from school was enjoyable and at times challenging (especially the rugby coaching) but served to reinforce many of the values that I identify with Balmacewen.



The strength and commitment of our staff never ceases to surprise me. Their ability to work with children to produce excellent results, I believe sets our school apart.

I have been thrilled to see the variety of work recently through our ASPIRE inquiry. It shows the amazing diversity of interest and talent of our student group.

Today we farewell two staff members. Angela Burden leaves us on maternity leave and we wish her all the very best for her upcoming arrival! In her place we welcome Kirsty Black to Room 25.

We also farewell our DP Simon Clarke, who is taking up the position as Principal at Kaikorai Primary School. We wish him all the very best with this new and exciting challenge. Simon has been an important part of Balmacewen Intermediate for the last nine years and has played a major role in much of Balmacewen's recent development.

I hope all students return from the holiday break refreshed and ready to fly into what will be a very short and busy Term 4.

Kind Regards  
Andrew Hunter

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# Year Seven News



Charlotte Cooper

It's the end to yet another busy and long term for 2011.



Over the last month students have been busy working on their ASPIRE inquiries for this term. Our focus was "Change". Within classes there has been a variety of different inquiries taking place. Many students took a look at themselves and made a change that was personal and meaningful to them. Others wanted to change the way that people think about something. They

have gathered evidence, spoken to experts and prepared a presentation in order to make their change happen. Well done everyone on the changes they have made.

Next term our big topic is "Communication". Our big focus is the Arts for Term 4. The students will be taking part in a variety of dance, drama and music workshops; where they will learn skills that they can use in their own performances later in the term. We will be starting the term off with speech writing and the students will be presenting these in week five.



Classes will be taking part in some rock climbing and beach activities at Long Beach next term. Here's hoping for fine weather.

Have a relaxing holiday break. We look forward to seeing all of our students back and refreshed ready for Term 4.

# Year Eight News



Terry Tarapi

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Thank you so much for your support, last night, at the Parent Evening. Having an audience for the students to explain and share their investigations is a superb way to conclude our term's work. Each year we are continually impressed with the diversity and innovative projects that the students produced. We firmly believe that our school's ASPIRE model develops a wide range of work and study skills through which the students direct their own learning.

Thank you for your support over the course of this term in helping your children. Whether it was a camp helper, a guest speaker, taxi driver, editor... it is clear that when school and home work together your children reap the benefits.

Looking forward to next term our integrated unit of study is called "Challenge," where we investigate how people respond to personal challenges. This will see the students...

1. Present a speech to their peers
2. Participate in an outdoor challenge day
3. Complete the "From the Shadows"  
Health programme with the Life Education Bus
4. Learn a variety of social dances
5. Contribute towards and perform a class lip sych...

With next term being only eight weeks we will certainly hit the ground running.

Thank you for signing and returning the return slip, from the expectations newsletter, which was given out last week. We are confident that all the students can keep up the positive approach to people and learning that they have displayed over the last three terms. This will be a key focus across all classes next term. The Year 8 Staff are looking forward to the wonderful activities that will ensure your children have fun filled learning experiences.

Kind Regards

Year 8 Teachers

## Good Bye!

This is my final newsletter as I will be taking up the position of Principal of Kaikorai Primary School next term. I would like to take this opportunity to say good bye and thank you to the hundreds of families I have come into contact with over the last nine years while at Balmacewen.

I have had a fantastic time and have many fond memories especially working with the basketball teams, moviemaking clubs and Red Top TV. What also stands out for me has been working with our talented students especially on their inquiries.

I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank the talented staff and of course Andrew Hunter for creating such an exciting place to work in.

Finally, good luck to the Year Seven and especially the Year Eight students as they complete their year and head off to high school. I look forward to following your successes with interest.

Kind regards

Simon Clarke



## Otago Cross Country Championships Heidi Cleland

Well done to the entire Balmac Otago Champs squad, reserves included. We had an exceptionally keen group of runners this year whose attitude and commitment really impressed during the training runs prior to the race. Everyone's good efforts contributed to winning the trophy for the best overall placings. Thank you to Mr Sloan and Mrs Quelch for giving up their time to lead the training runs.

**Top five finishers:** **Y7 Girls:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Leonie Palmer , 3<sup>rd</sup> Nicole Ruske and 5<sup>th</sup> Joccoaa Palmer  
**Y8 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Lindsay and 4<sup>th</sup> Natasha Whyte  
**Y8 Boys:** 4<sup>th</sup> Will McAllistar

## Athletics Sports Heidi Cleland

On Wednesday our school athletics were held here at school. Well done to all students who participated in the athletics sports. All students can be very proud of the contribution they made towards their house total. The final house points were: 1<sup>st</sup> Shetland (1313), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn (1190), 3<sup>rd</sup> Highgate (1088) and 4<sup>th</sup> Chapman (1060) .

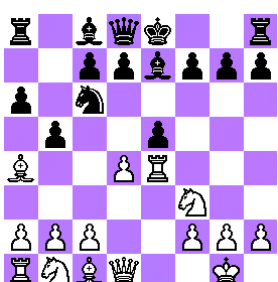
A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the teachers for their help and support on the day and also to all of the parents who helped out – it is much appreciated!

Standout individual performers who recorded the top amount of points for the day were:

**YEAR 8:** Felix MacDonald 29 & Emma Ward 32 **YEAR 7:** Cameron Miller 31, Nicole Ruske 30 & Joccoaa Palmer 30

Good luck to the Balmacewen students who will be representing our school at the North Zone athletics on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. The North Zone squad will be announced in Week 1 of Term 4.

## Chess Tournament



Well done to the Balmacewen Intermediate Chess Team (Carlssen van Rooyen, Taine Box & Sean Lau) who came first in the intermediate section on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011 (Tahuna Int came second). As individuals, Taine Box was first equal in the Under 1000 ranking while Carlssen & Sean were third equal in the Under 1000 ranking. Two weekends earlier at the Otago Southland Individual, Primary & Intermediate Championships, Sean Lau was fourth equal overall, & Taine Box & Carlssen van Rooyen were sixth equal overall. As a team, Balmacewen Intermediate came second by one point to Tahuna Intermediate.

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# Polynesian Festival 2011 Kopua Waititi



The Balmacewen Performance Kapa Haka had been training intensely during school, after school and during lunch times for a majority of Term 3 putting a programme together for the Otago Polynesian Festival which consisted of a whakaeke (entry), Poi, Haka and Whakawatea (exit). We held a weekend wananga at Arai Te Uru Marae the weekend before Polyfest to finalise the programme and tweak the choreography. A dress rehearsal was performed to the parents and the kapa got to view and wear their new uniforms designed by whaea Ana for the first time.

This year the festival was extended to a three day event from Wednesday, August the 31<sup>st</sup> till Friday, September the 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the volume of participants with over 70 groups entering. All intermediate schools were given the invitation to perform on Thursday Night with the high schools. Balmacewen was the only intermediate to take up the challenge.

On Thursday 1st September a nervous Kapa Haka gathered at the Edgar Sports Centre at 5:00pm to have one last practice before heading to the changing rooms to get uniforms and moko on. Everyone took their seats in the audience and watched the first high school perform to give us a good idea of the energy needed to perform at that level. The Kapa was called back stage to get ready to take the stage at 6:30. It seemed like a life time before we were at the front of the line of groups to go on.

Balmacewen Kapa Haka entered the stage to a roar of applause from the crowd as they were the youngest team to compete on the night. A beautiful solo from the kaitetake wahine, Autumn Scarf-Mathews, began the performance and started the audience cheering. Neihana Unahi, the kaitetake tane, gave a beautiful mihi in his whaikorero. The Kapa sang beautifully in different part harmonies. The wahine were graceful and purposeful with their poi and the tane strong and confident with their haka. The kapa sang waiata-a-ringa to finish with which was enough to earn them a standing ovation.

The ropu conducted themselves with pride and were a credit to the school, their tutors, their whanau and themselves. Nga mihi nui kia koutou nga tamariki ma kei roto I te kapa haka! Kia mau, kia maia, kia manawanui!

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Kia Ora Whanau

An extension Te Reo Maori language session is being offered on Thursday mornings starting in week 2 of Term 4. We will be looking at conversational Reo, Kupu hou, and whakatauki. If you are keen for your child to attend these or need more info please contact the school and leave a name and contact at the office or ask your child to come see Matua Kopua on the Monday or Thursday to get a notice. There are limited positions so students need to be in quick.

Naku noa na

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## Balmacewen Students who represented Otago at Sport in 2011

### Waterpolo

Lachlan Brandham  
Jemma Dingley  
Ben McMahon  
Samuel Wardhaugh  
Hayden Harrison  
Briana Shea  
George Gray  
Jarryd Taid  
Maddy Crawford  
Reuben Savage  
Olivia Gold  
Hayley Smith

### Athletics

Georgia Walsh  
Thomas Walsh  
Jason Ward  
Lily Thomas-Milne  
Emma Ward  
Felix McDonald  
Melina Palmer

### Swimming

Ben McMahon  
Caitlin Deans  
Devon Familton  
Nicole Ruske  
Kate Edwards  
Jessica Faulks

### Ice Hockey

Hadley Johnston

### Figure Skating

Emma Taggart

### Soccer

Riley Cuthbert  
Lily Robin  
Jackson Miller  
Jaidyn Knott  
James McGarry  
Griffin Hill  
Will Young  
Jarryd Taid  
Emma Cooper  
Kasam Ali  
Hunter Officer  
Solomon Liesbeth

### Tennis

Amelia King  
Annabelle Alloo

### Surf Life Saving

Maddy Crawford

### Indoor Bowls

Jonty Horwell

### Synchronised Swimming

Meg Guest

### Futsal

Hunter Kindley

### Touch

Jackson Miller  
Megan Foley metro  
Emma Ward metro  
Jayden Hollander  
(NZ Referee)

### Netball

Georgie Oxley  
Abbey Perkins  
Leonie Palmer  
Jaccoaa Palmer  
Devon Familton  
Jenna Chisholm  
Melina Palmer  
Emma Ward  
Ruby Randall

### Field Hockey

Charlotte Becconsall-Ryan  
Henri Gaudin  
Beau Jarvis-Child  
Isabelle Becconsall-Ryan  
Michael Sewell  
Ryley Kennard  
Thomas Jolly  
Caleb Booth  
Ruby Randall  
Devon Familton  
Harrison Doran-Taylor  
Taylor Stewart  
Matt Sowman  
Loius Peyroux  
Jessica Faulks

### Judo

Marcus Sowerby

### Rugby

#### Otago

George Thomas  
Will McAllister  
Jason Ward  
Cameron Miller  
Jayden Hollander  
Sam Masterton

#### Rugby Metro

Mamea Tamalie  
Issac Jamieson  
Zachary Mason  
Taine Glover  
Robbie Lindsay  
Sean Hall  
Sam Dippie  
Nic Elkins  
Aaron Pitts  
Samuel Jones  
Nathan Coldwell  
Regan Taylor  
Cory McGrath  
Jason Ward  
Cameron Miller  
Teremoana Hamblin  
Joshua Mackie  
Alex Hanan  
Travis von Metzinger  
Josh Wheeler-Jones  
Te Ariki Stevenson  
Felix McDonald

### Basketball

Te Ariki Stevenson  
Jaren Roy  
Briana Shea  
Nicole Ruske  
David Pask  
Levi Cockcroft  
Jensen Haua  
Aaron Roydhouse  
Nick Pryde  
Hendrix Denham  
Mitchell Briggs  
Laura Taylor  
Hunter Kindley  
Meg Ballantyne  
Lucy Beres  
Kate Edwards

### Cricket

#### Otago

Jackson Miller  
Cameron Miller

#### Cricket

#### Metro

Samuel Jones  
Nathan Coldwell  
Will Young  
Jarryd Taid  
Mitchell Mackie  
Tim O'Connor Varcoe  
Hunter Kindley  
Ethan Rowe  
James McGarry

## Competitive Badminton By Heidi Cleland

Throughout Term 3, three Balmacewen teams competed in the Primary Schools Shield Challenge. All teams competed admirably and improved their skills throughout the season, helped along by the weekly coaching received from Jim Hoffman. The teams had an excellent season and the Balmac Red team consisting of Joccoaa Palmer, Leonie Palmer, Holly Armstrong and Caroline Moriarty finished second in the competition. A big thank you to the parents involved in managing and umpiring the games this season.

## Ukulele Jam 2011

Approximately 170 intermediate students from around Dunedin met in our school hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September for the inaugural Intermediate Schools' Ukulele Jam. A group of 20 Year Seven students participated in this event, after committing themselves to two terms' of practice sessions during their lunchtimes.

The day was a great success, involving playing and singing a wide range of songs from a number of different eras. Well done to all of the students from Balmac who participated so well!



## Balmacewen Writing Competition



“It was so unexpected!”

This was the topic for this year's Balmacewen Writing Competition. It was fabulous to read so many entertaining and varied stories! However winners needed to be selected and this proved challenging. The quality of stories meant that outside expertise was needed to select the top writers. The winners are:

1st: Caroline Moratti 2nd: Catherine Cadzow 3rd = Lucy Bell and Oscar McGuire

Their stories can be read on the **Writers' Blog** at Balmacewen's Homepage.

## Touch Season By Alex Buttery

Touch starts on the 27<sup>th</sup> October at the Oval: Week 1 Term 4. We have just finished trialling for the teams and it was a tough job with many capable students trying out. Notices have gone out and the fees are due the first week of Term 4. We have 7 teams entering. Thank-you to the teachers and parents who are coaching and refereeing these teams. Without you we couldn't compete.



We are planning to have a Social School Competition for those who have missed out, running at lunchtimes. The Y8 teams will be refereeing these games and it should be a lot of fun. Sign-up for these teams will be Week 1 next term. No experience needed.

**Uniforms** The holidays are a good opportunity to wash and mend uniforms. Badges and buttons sewn on, jerseys mended, kilt hems and soak your socks. A good wash and iron goes a long way.

**Lice** Cases of headlice have been reported in the school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary, as it is frustrating for parents if their children get repeated cases.



## Old Cell Phones

As part of his Inquiry project Quentin Dunbar in Room 9 is collecting old cell phones to donate to the Starship Hospital. He would appreciate any old cell phones either working or broken.

## Wearable Art Dates

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Rehearsals at Balmac</b>   | 25th October 1:00 - 3:00pm  |
|                               | 26th October 12:30 - 3:00pm |
| <b>Rehearsal at OBs</b>       | 31st October 12:30 - 3:30   |
| <b>Dress Rehearsal at OBs</b> | 1st November 12:30 - 3:30   |
| <b>Matinee Performance</b>    | 2nd November 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| <b>Evening performance</b>    | 2nd November 7:00 - 10:00pm |



## Community Notices

**JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund** supports families in financial need with the purchasing of a school uniform. Applications will be accepted from those students who are entering High School for the first time. Year 9 students providing g that the school only accepts entrants at Year 9. The grants must purchase basic school clothing and footwear (excluding running shoes.)

Applications for assistance can be collected from Balmacewen School Office.

Closing date for applications: Friday 25th November 2011

**Saturday Morning Music Classes** are presenting their annual Demonstration Concert in the Regent Theatre on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 3pm. There will be items from a wide variety of musical groups and from a wide range of ages. Adults \$10, children \$5

### **Hill City Children's Athletics Registration**

Tuesday 11th October 5:30 - 7pm at the Hill City Clubrooms beside the Caledonian.

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