



BALMACEWEN
INTERMEDIATE

BALMACEWEN NEWS

July - August Highlights 2008
TERM 3 - No. 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's incredible to think that we are mid way through Term 3. As usual there have been many highlights so far this term.

Congratulations to those students who represented the school at the Otago Science Fair. As usual Balmacewen lead the way with a very high proportion of prize winners.

The winter sports season is nearing completion and I acknowledge the huge commitment of teacher and parent coaches. It is due to your enthusiasm and skill that our students have so many opportunities. Thank you for your great contribution.

We look forward to the remainder of the term, with production rehearsals, Otago Cross Country and Polyfest as major events for our students.

My thanks go to the hardworking Balmacewen staff for making our school a great place to be!

Kind Regards

Andrew Hunter

REFLECTIONS

YEAR 8 NEWS

Terry Tarapi

YEAR 7 NEWS

Charlotte Cooper

MATHEMATICS



On Monday the 4th of August we had 8 teams entered in the Otago Mathletics Competition which was held at the Town Hall.

The Year 7's A and B teams did especially well coming 3rd Equal.

FIGURE SKATING

Siobhan Dunn-O'Brien has been figure skating for one and a half years, she has entered 3 competitions this year and has done extremely well. She was placed first in the Beginner Ladies in Dunedin in June, Second in the Otago Southland Comp. which was held in Queenstown in July and first for Pre-Elementary Ladies in Dunedin last weekend.

Well done Siobhan.

BASKETBALL

The season has now finished and first of all can I thank all of the parent coaches who have given up their time to help look after teams. Without this support we would not be able to field the ten teams that we have. So thank you to Mrs Kjaergaard, Mrs Beres, Mrs Davidson and Miss Hohaia.

Many of our top teams made it to the semi finals this year and a special well done to the Year Seven girls' top team for winning the final.

Simon Clarke

RUGBY



This season we have a Year 7 and Year 8 team entered in the Sassenach Competition, played on a Wednesday after school. Unfortunately due to the weather and ground conditions, we have only been able to play three games, with the finals being played next week.

The results so far are:

Year 7 v Kavanagh: 14-25

Year 8 v Kavanagh: 0-50

Year 7 v DNI: 33-33

Year 8 v DNI: win by default

Year 7 v Tahuna: 34-21

Year 8 v Kaikorai Valley College: 50-14



NETBALL

PRODUCTION

MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students for winning either Medals and /or Highly Commended Certificates at the NZ Modern School of Music competitions held in Gore on Saturday the 23rd of August:

Brett Collins

Jack Waddell

Anthony Dickson

Monica Bae

Kelly Young

Max Dickson

Jack Nicholson.

Denise Dore

OTAGO SCIENCE FAIR



The students of Balmacewen Intermediate did especially well at the Otago Science Fair. We are developing quite a tradition in this area as we have provided the Bright Sparks Winner for the last 5 years and this year is no exception, with special congratulations to Michael Fox who is this year's Bright Sparks Winner. Well done to all of the following prize winners and highly commended.

Michael Fox - Irrigation System - 2 - Otago Polytech School of Information Award and University of Otago College of Education Award

Joel Smith - Sea or Sewage - 2 - Department of Marine Science University of Otago
NIWA Award

Donovan Isted - Scale Bowl for Pets - Otago Polytech School of Information and Technology Award

Kalin Geisreiter - Investigating Electromagnetism - Aurora Award

Zoe Armstrong - Left Handi - University of Otago College of Education Technology Award

Courtney Shea - Pav - 2 - NZ Baking Industry Trust Award
NZ Institute of Food Science Technology Award

Jessica Taylor - Do Drapes Make a Difference? - Highly Commended

Ben Wardhaugh - No Excuses Trolley - University College of Education Technology Award

Jack Waddell - The Power of Wind - Highly Commended

Nick Alexander - Perfect Pitch - 2 - NZ Institute of Physics Award and Discovery World Award

Isaac Smith - Does Your House Need Skin? - Institute of Professional Engineers NZ Ltd

William Pelet - Skateboard Stand - Aurora Award

Tamati Parata - Water Testing

Estelle Dippie - Snazzy Swimmers - Australasian Corrosion Association Award

Sam Kerr - Hovercraft
Highly Commended

Will Kindley - 2 - Sink Your Teeth Into This - Otago Dental School Award and Children and Young Persons Research Cluster University of Otago Award

Lydia Bowers - Firey Bouncy Ball - Highly Commended

Rebecca Wilson - IC Vitamin C - Biochemistry University of Otago Award

Sam Guest - The Human Body - Aurora Award

Howie Hunter - Hotter and Faster - Aurora Award

Eva Kjaergaard - Insulation Inspiration - Highly Commended

Mitch Keenan - Dunedin's Water Challenge - Otago Regional Council Award

Will Davidson - No Pain No Gain - Asthma Award

Tim Chisholm - Drowning Droughts - Forest and Bird Award

Sophie Russell - The Power of Recovery - 2 - Otago Medical Research Award and Aurora

Georgia Thomas Milne - Truebeer - NZ Institute of Chemistry Award

Saskia Turner - Which Stroke Makes My Ticker? - Otago Asthma Society Award

Kate Divett - Vitamin C Indicator

Chris McNoe - Pick Your Apples Carefully - 2 - Horticulture Research and NZ Institute of Food Science and Technology Award

Kierin Turner - Too Much CO₂ - NIWA Award

Taylor Johnston - Additives - Dept. of Biochemistry University of Otago

Meg McKay - Does breakfast Make a Difference? - 2 - Children and Young Persons Research Cluster Group Award and Aurora Award

Serena Sangster - Biofuels and Bread - NZ Baking Industry Trust Award

Emily McConnachie - Glow In The Dark Pegs 2 - NZ Optometrists Award and College of Education Technology Award

Maya Korth - Tooth Brush - Aurora Award

Owen Adams - Organic Stain Remover NZ Institute of Chemistry Award

Libby Ockwell - Judging The Gap - 2 - Aurora Award Child and Young Persons Research Cluster University of Otago Award

Georgia Russell - Reaction Times - Girls vs Boys - Aurora Award

Matt Parks - Best For Your Buck - Aurora Excellence in Energy Research Award

Polly Inglis - Otago Regional Council Award

GIFTED AND TALENTED

A new selection of students has started expert lessons with Tim Ashdown at Otago Boys High School in one of their laboratories. Congratulations if you were one of the lucky ones selected to attend.

The bi-annual production will also use most of our allocated Gifted and Talented time over the next few weeks.

OPEN EVENING

Many thanks to all the students who helped make the night such a success. We had a very impressive turn out on the night and have had record numbers enrolling for this time of year.

If you have a son or daughter who is yet to enrol then we would appreciate that this is completed as soon as possible either by picking up a form at the school office or online. www.balmacewen.school.nz

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. Over \$300.00 was raised to spend on library resources. K. Nol and K. Summers

DENTAL CLINIC

The School Dental Clinic will be open from Thursday 28 August. Parents can contact the clinic during school hours by ringing 027 284 9914.

UP COMING EVENTS

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

At the time of printing the schools cross country was being held. Results can be found on the web site and on red top TV. The Otago Cross Country is on Friday the 12th of September.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Special Choir at Forbury	4 September
Room 11 Rock Climbing	5 September
Room 14 Community Service Project	9 September

Otago Intermediate Cross

Country

Term Ends

15 September

26 September

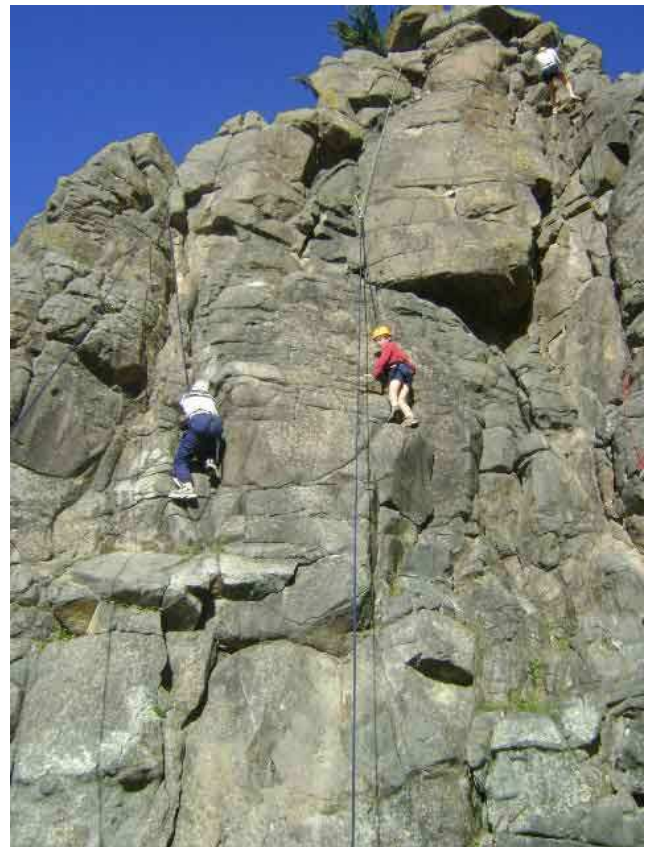
TERM DATES

Term 3 = Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September

Term 4 = Monday 13 October to Wednesday 17 December

CELEBRATING STUDENTS' WORK

The Year 7 students have been studying poetry this term and here are two exceptional examples of poetry.



A Poem by Isabella Sowerby - Room 5

Along the beach stands so tall
Jagged rocks form a hard wall
Up so, so high
It climbs into the turquoise sky
Waves crashing against the rocky terrain
Songs from the sea singing pain
Seagulls sitting up in their nest
Trying to get some peaceful rest
Right down below some people are there
Getting ready to conquer their fears
Click clack they are getting ready

Climbing up, watching steady
People cheering when they reach the top
Now it's time for the big drop
Leaning back heels on the rock
The salty air whips my face
I feel like a sea bird soaring with grace
My shoes hit the ground and I am all done
I can't wait to tell Dad and Mum

Fear by Vicky Ransom Room 10

Fear is what surrounds us;
it's inside us all.
Whether it's showing on the outside,
or hiding inside a wall.
It doesn't matter if you're a big lion,
or a tiny mouse.
Because fear can build up,
just like a house.
So the next time you're lonely,
or starting to scar,
take some time to think,
it's only FEAR.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TENNIS COACHING FOR TERM 4

Jim Hoffman will again be running his coaching sessions for the young beginner through to the intermediate junior level. Coaching for adults is also available. Costs for the lessons will depend on numbers in the group (4, 6 or individual) and all coaching is carried out by Jim. Tues. and Thurs lessons held at OBHS and Fri. lessons are at the Edgar Centre.

For more information please ring Jim on 027 4113529 or 453 6808 or collect a form from the school office.

MAORI HILL SCHOOL FAIR

The Maori Hill School Fair will be held on Sunday 9 November. It is 2 years since they last held a fair and hope this year's will be an even greater success. Please support this local fundraiser.

NZ MARINE STUDIES & AQUARIUM

Hatchery Road, Portobello, Dunedin

Father's Day

Sunday 7th September, 12 noon - 4.30pm

Free chocolate fish for all Dads! Come to Aquarium on Father's Day and find out about dads and families in the marine world.

Deep Ocean Experience

Daily from 12 noon - 4.30pm

Journey to the abyss in the new yellow submarine exhibit at the aquarium for an audio-visual deep sea experience, and discover the mysterious creatures that lurk in the depths.

Fish Feeding

Every Wednesday and Saturday from 2-3pm

Find out what our fish and other creatures eat, and how they slurp, gulp and munch their food. Brave souls may help to feed them!

Aquarium Guided Tour

Every day at 10.30am

Join one of our Aquarists for a guided tour of the Marine Studies Centre and Aquarium. Discover what lives in our local waters, stroke an anemone or a spiny seastar in our touch pools, and meet characters such as the octopus, seahorses, pigfish and baby sharks.

Boats Holiday Programme

27th September to 12th October

All aboard for a nautical experience at the Aquarium during the School Holidays. Tie knots, signal in morse code, make model boats and explore the harbour dredge boat! Check out our website for details: www.marine.ac.nz

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