



Blue Mountain College

Newsletter Issue 3, Term 1 2010

From the Principal

This month has been dominated by sport and I have been pleased to see so many parents, staff and other volunteers helping out. I believe it is important that the community remember that without this voluntary support the College could not continue to offer our current wide range of activities. Even with that support there are activities students miss out on as we do not have the people to take them there and supervise them. Having said that I know that for many of the volunteers it is actually something they really enjoy and look forward to.

Athletics, swimming and cricket have featured most strongly and once again BMC has been conspicuous and very much performed "above our weight". Despite our size we had one of the larger teams at the Otago, the Regional and the South Island athletics and we had 4 cricket teams in competition. Our Year 7 and 8 athletes did well at Southland level last weekend as did our swimmers at the Otago Championships.

Our Thai visitors arrived two weeks ago having been traveling for some 27 hours. Their programme has started and they are enjoying their stay so far. They are a nice group and their English is better than we expected. A huge thank you to those members of our community who are assisting by hosting the students. I am sure it will be a mutually educational experience.

A key part of the Board of Trustees' role is the preparation and monitoring of the strategic and annual plans for BMC. These plans set the priorities for the College and the monitoring reviews progress against the priorities. A summary of this year's goals and highlights from the review of the 2009 programme are included in this newsletter. The full documentation is available at the College for your perusal. The goals the Board has set reflect the priorities identified through the review of last year's goals and plans, the recommendations of the 2008 ERO review and those areas the Ministry of Education and the Government require all schools to focus on. Board members would welcome comments from the community on the goals and reviews.

By now parents of children in Years 8 to 13 will have received the term 1 report on their child. These reports are designed to give an early indication of progress and, in some cases, to identify areas of concern. As Principal I read most reports before they go out and we have also discussed them as a staff. Overall I was pleased but there is one area of some concern for quite a few students and that is homework completion. This seems to be most marked for Year 11 and with boys. NCEA courses are designed to take more time than is available during the school day and homework is essential for success.

This year is Board Election year and all parents and caregivers on the School Electoral Roll have had election material posted to them. If you are interested in standing for the Board I would encourage you to proceed. If you would like to find out more feel free to contact me or any of the existing Parent reps on the Board; Tony Livingston, Nicki MacKenzie, Roger Mariu, Bill McCall or Adrian McIntyre. Nominations close at noon on April 23.
Kevin McSweeney

Uniform

During Terms 2 and 3 all students are required to be in winter uniform. If you are purchasing new items please ensure they do fit the Board's regulations which are in the handbook distributed to all families at the start of the year. If you are unsure please contact your child's Dean at the College.

The winter uniform is:

Girls' Uniform

Winter

- *Ancient Green Douglas tartan kilted skirt (Helean Kiltmakers Order Form is available from the College office and the school website). The maximum length for the kilt is mid-calf and the minimum length it may be is 5cm from the ground when kneeling.*
- *Blue long sleeved blouse – Grayson (must be worn tucked in)*
- *Light bottle-green V-necked pullover - "Distinctive duro wear" and/or navy blue monogrammed vest available from Postie Plus*
- *Green tights OR 3/4 length white socks*
- *Black or dark brown polished lace up flat leather shoes (NOT suede)*
- *Plain bottle green tie*
- *BMC Jacket available from College office*

Girls may wear:

- *Royal/dark blue or bottle green hair ribbon or fastening*

OR

- *Brown/gold/silver hair clip*

Boys' Uniform

Winter

- *Light bottle green V-necked pullover - "Distinctive duro wear" and/or navy blue monogrammed vest available from Postie Plus*
- *Long sleeved blue shirt – Grayson (must be worn tucked in)*
- *Grey long trousers*
- *College striped tie*
- *Plain grey socks (No work, bush or rugby socks)*
- *Brown or black polished lace up flat leather shoes (NOT suede)*
- *BMC Jacket available from College office*

We maintain the temperature in our classrooms at a level that ensures it is not necessary to wear jackets in class. During winter students may wear items such as scarves, gloves and hats (provided they are in the school colours) to and from school but may not wear them in class or assembly.

Jewellery

The Board has set the following rules regarding Jewellery which it requires staff to enforce.

Jewellery

- *Jewellery, apart from a watch, with the exception, for girls, of a matching pair of plain (gold or silver) studs or ear rings - one in each ear, may not be worn at school.*
- *Boys are not permitted to wear ear rings or studs at school.*
- *Visible body piercing with its associated jewellery is not permitted.*
- *Badges obtained through school activities are not considered jewellery and may be worn at school on blazers, jerseys or ties.*
- *Jewellery, such as pounamu or bone carving which is of cultural significance or items of personal religious significance may be worn underneath the normal school uniform provided such items are not visible when being so worn. During activities such as sport, when the clothing being worn makes it impracticable or impossible to wear the jewellery*

beneath the garments it may be visible provided, in the view of the teacher responsible for the activity, it does not pose a safety hazard in which case the student will be required to remove it.

Where it is obvious students are wearing items that are outside these rules they will be required to remove them. If it is repeated the items may be confiscated. Any studs (or other body jewellery), even items that are not visible must be removed during sport or PE for safety reasons.

Review of School Uniform

Our school uniform is reviewed each year by the Board of Trustees during June. If you believe there should be changes to the uniform, or to the College's Hair and Jewelry Policy, can you please put this in writing and have it in to the school office by the end of May in an envelope marked "Attention Uniform Committee". The full current requirements are in the handbook.

Uniform exemptions

If, for some reason, your child will be wearing a non-uniform item to school on a one-off basis please ensure they bring a note to their Dean as soon as they get to school to get an exemption for that day.

Internet safety

Recently we have had to deal with a number of issues of students either attempting to send inappropriate e-mails or attempting to access inappropriate sites. The filters we have in place have prevented access and alerted us to the issue but it does bring home just how much of the content on the internet is not suitable for young people (or in many cases people of any age). We have reminded students and staff of the expectations we have and the consequences of breaches. In particular students who are misusing the system (or attempting to do so) will have their access rights withdrawn for a period of time. As part of our Internet Safety procedures all students are required to sign internet use agreements before accessing the internet and those who have not returned them will have their internet access removed next term.

School Goals and Priorities for 2010

Each year the Board of Trustees sets goals for the College which the senior staff use to develop the school's Strategic (next 3 to 5 years) and Operational (this year) Plans. As part of their annual cycle of work the Board also reviews these plans in relation to the goals both during, and at the end of the year. These detailed plans and review documents are available for public perusal at the College Office at any time.

The main goal, to improve student achievement, remains the same from year to year and the other goals are designed to support this in some way. There are two levels of goal – planning and reporting goals – which are ones we are required to report formally to the Ministry of Education and the school's auditors on each year and Board goals - which are ones we set for ourselves as priorities for the year. The goals for 2010 follow:

1.Planning and Reporting Goals and Targets

Overall focus: Improving student achievement

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| Goal 1: | Raise achievement of students entering NCEA through the development and use of personalised learning plans (adds Year 11) with a particular focus of increasing the number of merit grades at each level and at least one Excellence endorsement at each of Levels 2 and 3. |
| Goal 2 | To implement National Standards at Years 7 & 8. |
| Goal 2a: | To have 50% of the students achieving at or above the standard for each of Years 7 and 8. <i>(This is based on two assumptions – the first is that the standards are set at the appropriate level for the Year group and the second that achievement is related to ability which is normally distributed. As this is the first year of National Standards we do not have any baseline to base the targets on.)</i> |
| Goal 2b: | To review and where necessary rewrite our reporting formats to comply with the requirements of the revised NAG in relation to National Standards. |
| Goal 3: | Develop a positive learning environment which values achievement and effort. |
| PD Goal | To develop a shared understanding of the new national standards across the whole school and, on the basis of this, to develop and put in place an implementation plan across the junior school and on a departmental level. |

2. General Board Goals

These goals tend to be more general than the MOE goals and we use them to set our annual plan for the year. Like all schools of our type two of our general goals need to be, the ongoing work towards the implementation of the new curriculum and the implementation of the Government's National Standards policy. This latter goal will need to include upskilling teachers, coming to grips with the details of the standards, some community liaison work and the review and possible redesign of our reporting systems (we will be consulting parents about this).

Even though the funding has been removed for the work we have been doing on personalised learning, we are keen to continue work on this as we believe it is making a real difference in terms of senior achievement (as shown by our good NCEA results in 2009). Careers, school review and student engagement are other areas we have identified as important for further work during 2010. Another area that we need to continue working on is that of Maori Achievement and meeting our NAG requirements in terms of our Maori Community.

Property is always an area where work is needed. This operates on a different timescale from all other school activities as the "property year" is July – June. The goals for the last part of the current year are to finish the special needs and computer room work and for the next year (from July) to start planning to refurbish our maths block.

School Goals and Priorities for 2009 – Report

The reports on the 2009 BMC Goals and Priorities are available for reading at the College Office. Overall the Board was pleased with the progress made during 2009. The goals set were challenging and comprehensive and most were met within budget and within the timeframes specified.

MOE Planning and Reporting goals included the improvement of student achievement through the use of personalised learning plans with Year 12 and 13 students where we took a wider view of success and, from this; we can report that all but one of those students reached the targets they set for the year. Our focus with the younger students was in terms of literacy programmes with a focus on writing and while we found it challenging to identify objective measures and teachers consider we have made progress in this area.

Our main PD goal had to do with the implementation of the new curriculum in ways that will improve learning and teaching and the results here were positive. One way we approached this was through our participation in a multi-school development project with 5 other small Otago Secondary Schools which was showing great progress but unfortunately was cancelled half way through as part of the Government's cost cutting last year.

There were a wide range of Board goals. The majority of these are ongoing priorities that simply go from one year to the next but there were also a number of goals that were completed during 2009. These included the completion and equipping of the new Metals Shed facility (and I must acknowledge the work of Jim Erridge, Alan Ritchie, the late Alex Gow and numerous student helpers) and the redevelopment of the computer room (which will be completed early in 2010). We also made progress in terms of the provision of a Special Needs room. One of our goals was to improve student access to computers (this was the reason for the changes to the computer room) and we successfully trialled the use of n-Computers (this is where one grunty computer allows 6 simultaneous users). We are also very grateful to the MLT, through the Trusts' Charitable Foundation, for their generous contribution towards the provision of interactive whiteboards in the College which has allowed us to equip a further 5 rooms with this cutting edge technology.

Kevin McSweeney
Principal

Security

While we try to ensure a safe environment for all at school there are still times when things go missing. In these cases we work closely with the local police and this can often solve issues. If we are to do this it is important that incidents are reported to the school and to the local police as soon as possible. As a sole Policeman Constable Mawhinney is not always available - if he isn't there he asks that you leave a clear message on his answer phone (2030 040) that he can follow-up.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

April

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| Thursday 1 | Last day for Term 1 |
| Monday 19 | Term 2 starts, NCEA Top Art (all week) |
| Friday 23 | Fine Arts Roadshow (at BMC) |
| Monday 26 | Netball Quiz BMC Hall |
| Tuesday 27 | Otago University Liaison – Year 13, Friends of the College General Meeting 7.30pm |

May

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| Monday 3 | Tertiary Open Day – Dunedin – Year 13 |
| Tuesday 4 | HPV Vaccinations (2) |
| Friday 7 | Cross Country (tbc) |
| Tuesday 11 | BOT Election date |
| Friday 14 | Stage Challenge – Dunedin |
| Wednesday 19 | Lincoln Liaison Year 13 |
| Monday 31 | Young Leaders Day selected Year 7 & 8 |

June

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| Thursday 3 | Menzies Exchange |
| Monday 7 | Queen's Birthday holiday |
| Wednesday 9 | ICAS Science |
| Friday 11 | BMC Formal, teacher only day (tbc), Southland Primary Cross country |
| Sunday 13 | Otago SS netball (A, Development and Year 9 teams) return Monday |
| Friday 18 | Year 9 Option changeover |
| Tuesday 22 | ICAS Spelling |
| Monday 28 | Year 12 Work Experience (all week) |

July

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| Friday 2 | Term 2 ends |
| Monday 19 | Term 3 starts |

Sports Reports

Members of the BMC First X1 and Year 7 and 8 girls' cricket teams took the opportunity to train with the New Zealand White Ferns early in March. The girls enjoyed a range of activities aimed at improving their bowling, batting and fielding. New Zealand White Fern and Otago Sparks player Suzie Bates instructs the First X1 girls on how to pick up a ball and dive to hit the stumps.

The First X1 Girls are taught some basic batting by White Ferns Amy Satterthwaite and Victoria Lind at the indoor sports centre at Queens Park.



White Ferns, Emma Campbell and Saskia Bullen present Kate Stiven with a bat autographed by the New Zealand ODI Team 2010. Tessa Kelly also received a bat while Sinead O'Leary, Grace Isted, Annie MacKenzie, Taylor Fitzgerald and Kate Crawford received tee-shirts.

NETBALL

Blue Mountain College Netball Club Family Quiz Night

Monday 26th April 7.30pm

BMC Hall

Teams of four - \$20

Raffles and Refreshments available

Other Reports

Clutha District Youth Council

The Clutha District Youth Council is made up of two people from each school, two workplace representatives and two Clutha District Councillors. This year on the Youth Council is Todd Murray and Danae Bradley. One of the topics that we are talking about is having an activity week from the 12th to 16th of April where we will be having different activities all over the district. For a list of the activities and more information go to www.cluthadc.govt.nz/Web%20Pages/News/News.htm

Deputy Chairman

Todd Murray

Gore District Youth Council

This year Jarad Stark and myself were voted on to the Gore District Youth Council. This year we had a slow start as other commitments were a priority, but we are full steam ahead now! The main focus for the year is to find ways to promote the role of the Youth Council and to be more involved with issues and activities around the Gore District. Jarad and I are really looking forward to confronting any issues that arise and are also open to listen to any thoughts or suggestions from the youth of our district.

Avana Miller

Friends of the College

The 'Friends of the College' group sees their role as one of support for, and the promotion of, the good name of BMC and all of the excellent things that go on in the school. It provides a means for parents and teachers to build a successful partnership, based on the best interests of the students.

Friends of the College takes an active part in College events such as swimming and athletic sports, Open Days and Information evenings, and members try to help out whenever the need arises. Funds are raised through second-hand uniform sales.

Friends of the College encourages parents and caregivers to become involved. Contact the school office if you would like to join in.

Meeting dates:

General Meeting: Tuesday 27th April 7.30pm - BMC Meeting room

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 27th July 7.30pm - BMC Meeting room

General Meeting: Tuesday 12th August 7.30pm - BMC Meeting room

Our current committee:

President -Deborah Isted 2048132

Secretary- Judy Stiven- 2048130 jstiven@ispnz.co.nz

Treasurer -Jeanette Van Woerden

Staff representatives – Liz Murray and Garry Moody

Student Achievements

Duathlon/Triathlon

Todd Murray-12th in Snr Men's Section of the Papatowai Challenge 15 ½ km race on Saturday 20 Feb

Alice Crawford raced in the Sth Is SS Duathlon and came 2nd in U19 girls section and 14th overall

Kate Crawford in the same event came 5th in U14 girls and 32nd overall.

Emily McGimpsey and Kate Crawford participated in the Otago Southland Police Triathlon in Cromwell on Thursday 25th Feb. They both competed individually gaining the following placings – Emily 4th in 1.24.28 and Kate 6th 1.26.28 in the Yr 9/10 Individual section.

Golf

Dean Baxter, Scott Hansen & Mason Calder represented BMC at the Otago Ss Golf Stroke play.

Dean Baxter came 4th at the Otago Greg Turner Tournament

Results from the Martial Arts Tournament held in Tapanui recently:

Megan Finlayson: 2nd girls brown to black belt 15 – 17 yrs Kata

1st weapons Kata,

1st Team Kata

Charlotte Kerr: 3rd girls brown to black belt 15 – 17 yrs kata

3rd snr womens open Kata,

2nd weapons Kata, 2nd girls 15 – 17 yrs Kumite

Brea Sim: 1st Jnr Girls Green to Black belt under 12 years Kumite

Jack Smith: 3rd white to yellow belt under 15 yrs Kata,

3rd= boys green belt and below under 15 yrs Kumite

Cricket

Congratulations to Ashleigh White who was named captain of Otago Country U15 girls cricket team. She was also selected for the Otago U15 girls along with Kate Crawford

1st XI boys beat Lawrence Area School.

Lawrence A.S. 82 all out in 15 overs with Ryan Duff – 5 wickets including hat trick. BMC 86 for 4. Dylan Mackenzie 53 not out.

1st XI girls cricket team beat Gore High School.

Gore scored 102 while Georgia, Danae and Grace picked up most of the wickets. Avana and Danae had a brilliant opening partnership with Avana scoring 50 not out. The team now plays St. Hilda's in the final at BMC on Wednesday.

Cultural

BMC Kids Lit Quiz

The team won the Southland Regional Final and now go on to Wellington to complete in the National Final of the competition. The team members are:

Ned Ennion-Dickison,
Anna Morris,
Thomas Adam,
Mairoa Pomona,
Katy Mears
Team Manager: Kim Shaw

Gore District Youth Council

Hannah Diamond has been nominated to be a member of the Gore District Youth Council representing the Hokonui Rununga

Athletics Champions 2010

| | | GIRLS | BOYS |
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| UNDER 12 | 1 st | Yvonne van Baarle | Daniel Batt |
| | 2 nd | Anna Powers | Issac McArley |
| UNDER 13 | 1 st | Sarah McKee | Cameron Scott |
| | 2 nd | Michaela Blair | Liam Wright |
| UNDER 14 | 1 st | Kate Crawford | Fraser Munro |
| | 2 nd | Grace Isted | Matthew Heffernan |
| UNDER 15 | 1 st | Sinead Cormack | Mason Calder |
| | 2 nd | Emily McGimpsey | Lee Stiven |
| UNDER 16 | 1 st | Destiny Paikea | Garth Devereux |
| | 2 nd | Rachael Corlett | Tyrone Broad |
| SENIOR | 1 st | Ashleigh White | Nathan Roberts |
| | 2 nd | Leah Gardyne | Josiah Hutchison |
| | | Kate Stiven | Jared Stark |

House Points:

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| Pinkerton | 1254 |
| Robertson | 1086 |
| McKellar | 1070 |
| Quin | 990 |

Athletics Records

- Emily McGimpsey – U15 1500m: Was 6.01.00 Now 5.38.59
- Kate Stiven – Sen Girls 800m: Was 2.42.20 Now 2.42.10
- Ashleigh White – U16 discus: Was 27.45m Now 29.65m

- Ashleigh White – U16 200m: Was 30.78 Now 29.31
- Molly Baker Pousini – U16 Shot: Was 9.704m Now 11.29m
(Ashleigh White also beat the record with 10.17m)
- Mitchell Pryde – U12 shot: Equalled previous record 8.47m

Qualifiers for Eastern Primary Athletic Champions were:

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| Issac McArley (10) | 100m/200m/Long Jump/High Jump/1500m |
| Daniel Batt (11) | 100m/200m/800m/Long Jump/1500m |
| Walter Cross (11) | 800m/1500m |
| Mitchell Pryde (11) | Shotput/Discus |
| Ben Rea (11) | Shotput |
| Cameron Scott (12) | 100m/200m/High Jump/Shotput/Discus |
| Liam Wright (12) | 100m |
| Fraser Munro (12) | High Jump |
| Yvonne v Baarle (10) | 100m/200m/Long Jump/High Jump/1500m |
| Anna Power (11) | 800m/1500m |
| Neve Veza (11) | 100m |
| Tamara Weller (11) | High Jump/1500m |
| Nikita Ritchie (11) | High Jump |
| Tessa Kelly (11) | Discus |
| Katey Mears (11) | Shotput |
| Michaela Blair (12) | 800m/Long Jump |
| Jordan Ritchie (12) | Shotput/Discus |

Top 4 Results from the Eastern Athletics held in Gore at Newman Park on the 4th March.

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| Issac McArley (10) | 2 nd 100m 15.68 4 th 200m 33.00 1 st Long Jump 3.75 1 st High Jump 1.28 |
| Daniel Batt (11) | 4 th 200m 31.90 4 th 800m 4 th Long Jump 3.84 3 rd 1500m |
| Walter Cross (11) | 3 rd 800m 2.47 1 st 1500m 5.49 |
| Mitchell Pryde (11) | 3 rd Shotput 8.79 3 rd Discus 18.36 |
| Cameron Scott (12) | 2 nd 200m 29.78 1 st High Jump 1.31 1 st Shotput 8.58 |
| Yvonne v Baarle (10) | 1 st 100m 15.25 2 nd 200m 33.15 1 st Long Jump 4.08 1 st High Jump 1.20 1st/1500m |
| Anna Power (11) | 3 rd 800m 3.04 3 rd 1500m 6.28 |
| Neve Veza (11) | 3 rd 100m 15.31 |
| Nikita Ritchie (11) | 2 nd High Jump 1.20 |
| Tessa Kelly (11) | 1 st Discus 15.93 |
| Katie Mears (11) | 4 th Shotput 6.78 |
| Michaela Blair (12) | 2 nd 800m 3.10 |
| Jordan Ritchie (12) | 1 st Shotput 7.89 |

Well done to Ben Rea, Liam Wright, Fraser Munro and Tamara Weller who also participated well at these Athletics in their respective events.

Eight of these Athletes (Issac, Walter, Cameron, Yvonne, Nikita, Tessa, Michaela, Jordan) all qualified to compete in the Southland Primary School Athletics held on Invercargill on Saturday the 20th March, 2010.

Results from the Southland Primary Athletic Championships

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| Issac McArley | 3 rd 100m heat, 8 th Long Jump, 3 rd High Jump, 3 rd relay |
| Yvonne van Baarle | 2 nd 100m final, 1 st 200m, 18 th 1500m, 2 nd Long Jump, 3 rd High Jump, 1 st relay |
| Nikita Ritchie | 9 th High Jump |
| Neve Veza | 2 nd relay |
| Walter Cross | 8 th 1500m, 15 th 800m |
| Michaela Blair | 6 th 800m |
| Jordan Ritchie | 1 st Shot Put |
| Tessa Kelly | 11 th Shot Put |

Southland Primary Athletic Certificates were presented to:

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| Issac McArley | 3 rd High Jump |
| Jordan Ritchie | 1 st Shot Put |
| Yvonne van Baarle | 1 st 200m, 2 nd 100m & Long Jump 3 rd High Jump |

Otago Athletics Results

Under 14

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| Matthew Heffernan | Discus 4 th , Shot 7 th |
| Kate Crawford | Discus 11 th , Shot 5 th |
| Tash Johnston | Discus 16 th , Shot 13 th |
| Grace Istead | Javelin 4 th , 800m 10 th , LJ 20 th |
| Mathilde van Baarle | Long Jump 13 th |
| Sarah McKee | Long Jump 12 th , 100m 14 th , 200m 9 th |
| April O'Leary | Discus – fouled |
| Sean Windle | Discus 7 th |

Under 15

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| Lee Stiven | Discus 12 th , Javelin 4 th |
| Sinead Cormack | Javelin 3 rd |
| Emily McGimpsey | 1500m 2 nd , 3000m 3 rd |

Under 16

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| Ashleigh White | Shot 1 st , Discus 1 st , Javelin 1 st |
| Rachael Corlett | Long Jump 3 rd , Javelin 2 nd , 800m 3 rd |
| Rosemary Alderton | Javelin 4 th |
| Dylan MacKenzie | Shot 7 th , discus 5 th , Javelin 8 th |
| Tyrone Broad | Javelin 10 th , discus 7 th |
| John Newman | Discus 8 th , shot 11 th |

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| Senior | |
| Leah Gardyne | Long Jump 1 st , High Jump 3 rd , Discus 4 th |
| Kate Stiven | 800m 2 nd |
| Avana Miller | Shot 5 th , Discus 5 th , Javelin 4 th |
| Maeva-Rua Kopa | Shot 8 th , discus 6 th |
| Tessa Livingston | Javelin 6 th |
| Sarah Park | Javelin 8 th |
| James Rea | Javelin 5 th , shot 8 th |
| Dean Baxter | Javelin 11 th |
| Glen Isteed | Javelin 8 th , Discus 8 th |
| Shane Edwards | Shot 7 th , discus 10 th |
| Jared Stark | 100m 8 th , discus 12 th |
| Todd Murray | 3000m 4 th |
| Nathan Thomson | 800m 5 th |
| Adam McIntyre | 1500m 7 th |
| Josiah Hutchison | 100m 7 th , 400m 3 rd |

Best performances & Otago Athletic Certificates were presented to:

Under 15

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| Sinead Cormack | Javelin 3 rd |
| Emily McGimpsey | 1500m 2 nd , 3000m 3 rd |

Under 16

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| Ashleigh White | Shot 1 st , Discus 1 st , Javelin 1 st |
| Rachael Corlett | Long Jump 3 rd , Javelin 2 nd , 800m 3 rd |

Senior

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| Leah Gardyne | Long Jump 1 st , High Jump 3 rd , |
| Kate Stiven | 800m 2 nd |
| Josiah Hutchison | 400m 3 rd |

27 students qualified for Otago-Southland Athletics

Otago/Southland Athletics Results

Under 14

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| Matthew Heffernan | 2 nd Discus, 9 th Shot |
| Kate Crawford | 11 th Shot |
| Grace Isteed | 3 rd Javelin |
| Sean Windle | 9 th Discus |

Under 15

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| Lee Stiven | 10 th Javelin |
| Sinead Cormack | 4 th Javelin |
| Emily McGimpsey | 3 rd 1500m, 3 rd 3000m |
| Gavin Stark | 1 st 100m, 2 nd 200m, 1 st 400m |

Under 16

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| Ashleigh White | 2 nd Shot, 2 nd Discus, 3 rd Javelin |
| Rachael Corlett | 6 th LJ, 4 th Javelin |
| Tyrone Broad | 6 th Discus |
| John Newman | 8 th Discus |

Senior

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| Leah Gardyne | 4 th LJ, 3 rd HJ, 2 nd Discus |
| Kate Stiven | 3 rd 800m |
| Avana Miller | 4 th Shot, 8 th Discus, 4 th Javelin |

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| Maeva-Rua Kopa | 6 th Shot, 6 th discus |
| Tessa Livingston | 6 th Javelin |
| James Rea | 4 th Javelin |
| Glen Isted | 7 th Javelin, 5 th Discus |
| Shane Edwards | 8 th Shot |
| Todd Murray | 4 th 3000m, 3 rd 2000m Steeplechase |
| Nathan Thomson | 7 th 800m |
| Adam McIntyre | 8 th 1500m |
| Josiah Hutchison | 4 th 400m |

BEST PERFORMANCES

Under 14

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| Matthew Heffernan | 2 nd Discus |
| Grace Isted | 3 rd Javelin |

Under 15

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| Emily McGimpsey | 3 rd 1500m, 3 rd 3000m |
| Gavin Stark | 1 st 100m, 2 nd 200m, 1 st 400m |

Under 16

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| Ashleigh White | 2 nd Shot, 2 nd Discus, 3 rd Javelin |
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Senior

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| Leah Gardyne | 3 rd HJ, 2 nd Discus |
| Kate Stiven | 3 rd 800m |
| Todd Murray | 3 rd 2000m Steeplechase |

14 athletes qualified for South Islands

Results from the South Island Secondary Athletics held in Dunedin

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| Grace Isted | 7 th Javelin |
| Sinead Cormack | 8 th Javelin |
| Ashleigh White | 3 rd Javelin, 5 th Shot Put, 2 nd Discus |
| James Rea | 5 th Javelin |
| Avana Miller | 8 th Javelin, 6 th Shot Put |
| Matthew Heffernan | 12 th Discus |
| Glen Isted | 10 th Discus |
| Leah Gardyne | 9 th Discus, 9 th Long Jump |
| Gavin Stark | 2 nd 100m, 1 st 200m |
| Emily McGimpsey | 7 th 1500m, 5 th 3000m |
| Todd Murray | 11 th 3000m, 6 th 2000m steeplechase |
| Kate Stiven | 5 th 800m |

Swimming Champions 2010

| | GIRLS | BOYS |
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| UNDER 12 | 1 st Yvonne van Baarle 2 nd Tamara Weller | 1 st Taine Rarere |
| UNDER 13 | 1 st Zoe Hancox 2 nd Anna Morris | 1 st Dion Falconer 2 nd Luc Purser |
| UNDER 14 | 1 st Matilda van Baarle 2 nd Kate Crawford | 1 st Mason Calder 2 nd |
| UNDER 15 | 1 st Sinead Cormack 2 nd Grace Isted | 1 st Garth Devereux 2 nd |
| UNDER 16 | 1 st Rosie Alderton 2 nd Ashleigh White | 1 st Hohepa Ellis 2 nd Tony Johnston |
| SENIOR | 1 st Cherise Thomson = Kate Stiven | 1 st James Rea 2 nd Jared Stark |

Swimming sports records

| | NEW | OLD |
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| 100m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY U14 Kate Crawford | 1.21.97 | 1.22.70 |
| 25m FREESTYLE U15 Sinead Cormack | 15.79 | 16.75 |
| 50m FREESTYLE U14 Mathilde van Baarle | 31.69 | 32.26 |
| U15 Garth Devereux | 32.94 | 33.00 |
| 50m BACKSTROKE U14 Kate Crawford | 37.66 | 38.12 |
| 50m Breaststroke U14 Kate Crawford | 44.67 | 47.07 |
| 25m BREASTROKE U14 Megan McCall | 20.25 | 21.35 |
| Sen Jared Stark | 18.47 | 18.65 |
| 25m BUTTERFLY Sen James Rea | 15.38 | 16.29 |
| 50m BUTTERFLY U14 Mathilde van Baarle | 36.31 | 43.78 |

Future Events

**REAL ART
ROADSHOW**



**Visiting our school on the 23rd April 2010
Public viewing 3pm to 4pm**

Top Art Collection

19th to 23rd April in the BMC Hall

This is a collection of the Year 13 Level 3 Art Boards that gained excellence in 2009.
Visitors are welcome to view them at any time between 10am and 3pm

Grain Needed

Does anyone have a regular supply of any low grade wheat or similar that can be purchased at a reasonable price or donated to BMC. The school is looking to obtain laying hens for the school farm to be used for educational purposes.

Community Notices

Tapanui Drama Workshop

Wednesday 14th April from 2-4pm.

Limited spaces, register with Trudy. (see details below)

Cost \$5

West Otago Theatre

Age 9 years and above. Focusing on the same skills as the Gore workshops.

Tru Talent

"Sensational Skills"

Drama Workshops

Tru Talent is providing more opportunities for your child to explore their dramatic potential!

Two high-energy and interactive workshops will be run during the April school holidays, with the intention of developing confidence, dramatic and performance skills.

The two hour workshops will consist of the following:

***Theatre games and Sports** – students will actively participate in high-energy theatre games and activities that develop "sensational skills" such as focus, improvisation (performing on the spot), interpersonal and intrapersonal skills.

These activities will generate discussion, reflection and of course, lots of fun and laughter

Location

These intensive workshops will be held in the Little Theatre in Gore.

Workshop Details

The workshops will be run at the following dates, times and fees.

Thursday 15 April 10.00-12.00 - \$25.00 (younger students – primary and intermediate)

Friday 16 April 10.00-12.00 - \$25.00 (older students- Y9 upwards)

If you are interested in your child taking part in these dynamic workshops, please contact

Trudy-Anne Rowe on 032084080 or 0275357530 or trutalent@xtraco.nz.

Places are limited—so be in quick!

West Otago Rugby Shirts

Wanted: West Otago Rugby shirt that is too small or finished with

Please contact Rochelle Pryde

Ph 2040867

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TWO DAY ART CLASS

To be held in Tapanui

Tutor: Liz Bristow of Gore

Wednesday April 14 and Thursday April 15

Please register with Veronie Schuurmans
by 6th April

Phone 204 8131 or email:veengu@xtra.co.nz

Supported by Tapanui West Otago Promotions

Hokonui Runga Holiday Programme

Blue Mountain College Gym

1pm to 3.30pm on 13th and 14th April.

Just turn up. Everybody welcome. Fun activities.

Defensive Driving Course run by the Command Driving School.
At BMC on 19th, 22nd, 26th & 29th of April from 3.30 to 5.30pm.
If anyone is interested please contact Laura Smith 2048065 or Text
On 027 8235862.

Full cost \$235 (includes one driving lesson). \$180 to be paid for
first lesson and the rest could be paid installments.

Kiwi Kids Learn

A new educational magazine has been launched for parents and caregivers to support their children to be all they can be. Kiwi Kids Learn is a fantastic resource and full of useful information to use with school age or preschool children. Kiwi Kids Learn also includes two sections specifically for kids. There is a dedicated 8-page lift-out for the kids with activities and games. There is also a section within the magazine for students to 'showcase' their work to the rest of New Zealand. To find out more or to order a copy go to www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com

Milo Cricket Holiday Programme

Thursday 15th and Friday 16th April in the BMC gym.
10am - 12 noon both days.
\$30 for both days.

Ian would also like to keep this Milo Centre going for the kids who would like to continue on. He will come out every 2 - 3 weeks for an hour and a half through terms 2 and 3. This would just keep the cricket skills of the kids up throughout the off season. It would be open for boys/girls in the Yr 5-6 and Yr 7-8 age groups. Younger kids can come along if they are really keen.

The cost to belong to the Milo Centre is \$30. If students are part of the holiday programme on 15/16 April and pay \$30 for the 2 days they don't pay anything else if they want to be part of the off season Milo Centre. If the students can't make the holiday programme but want to be part of the Milo Centre for Terms 2 and 3 the cost is also \$30. We would look to have a minimum of 8 sessions throughout the off season. We would need to find an afternoon for the off season Milo Centre that doesn't clash with Netball, Rugby, Soccer etc.

Enrolments for the School Holiday Milo centre (15/16 April) and the off season Milo Centre can be sent to ianmockford@xtra.co.nz

Payments made on the first day of the Holiday Programme. Ian will need enrolments by 7th April so he can order Milo giveaways from NZC.

Cheers

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