

# Blue Mountain College

**Newsletter  
Issue**

**Term 1, April**

## *Dear Parents/Caregivers*

There have been a large number of student successes to celebrate in the past few weeks. Many of the details are included in the Student Achievement section at the end of this newsletter, but I will highlight a few examples.



## **Boys Cricket**

The Year 7 & 8 Boys' Milo Cup Team with support from Mr Davies won the Southland final beating Southland Boys' High School here at the College on 8 March. They then went on to play the winners of the Central Otago zone, Waikatipu, winning with 5 wickets to spare. This made our boys the Southland/Central Otago champions and set up another thrilling final against the winning Dunedin team from John McGlashan College on 1 April.

This turned out to be a great match despite less than ideal weather conditions and both teams performed well with the bat and the ball, with John McGlashan eventually prevailing by 17 runs. The BMC boys can be extremely proud of their achievements, punching well and truly above their weight in being competitive with teams from much

larger schools in all cases, showing good sportsmanship and acting as gracious hosts.

## Girls Cricket

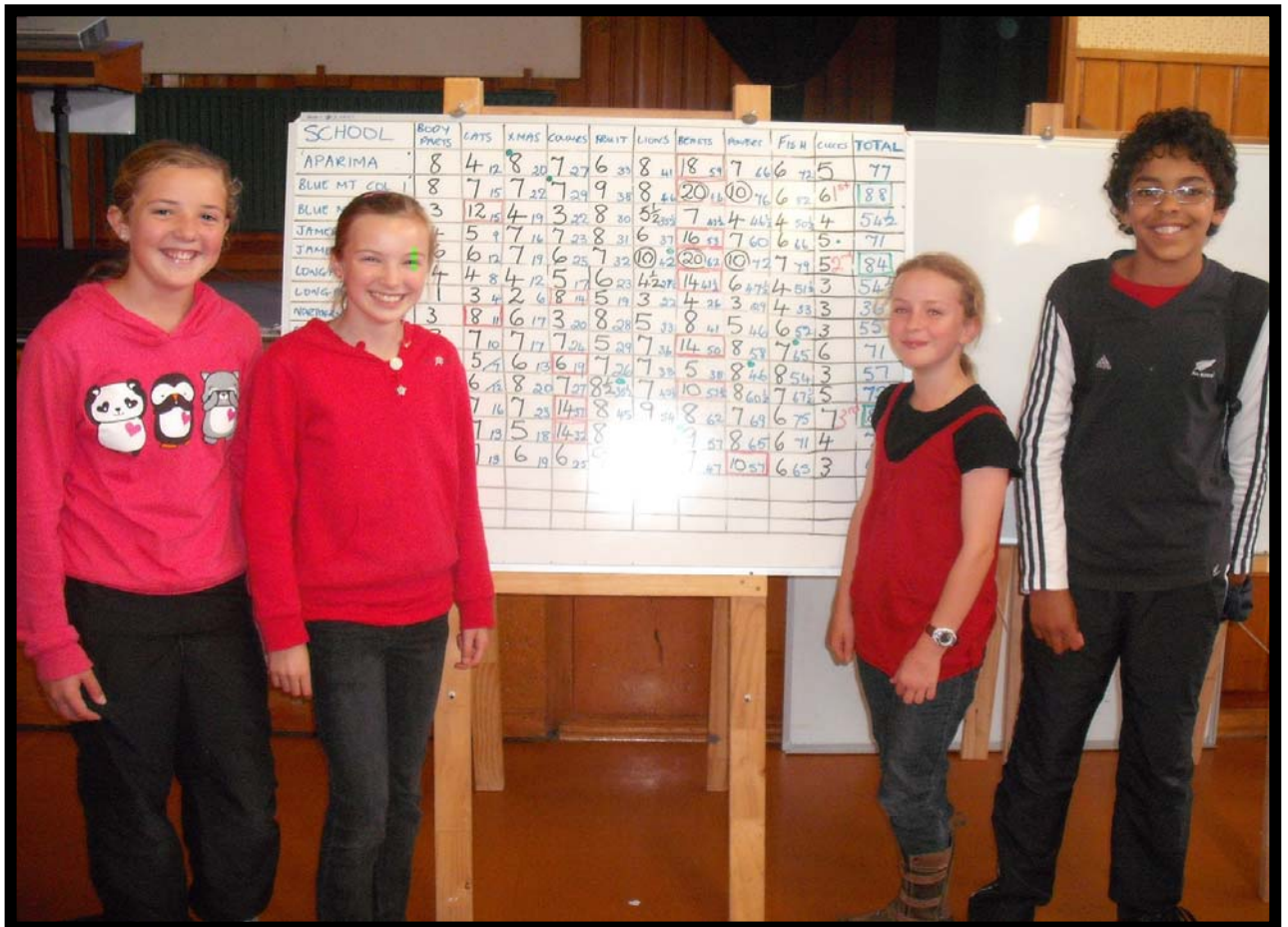
The girls in the same age group were not to be outdone. Mrs Kathryn Harvey has been coaching the Milo Shield Team and facilitating sessions with personnel from Southland Cricket and even members of the White Ferns. All her efforts have paid off with the Year 7&8 girls winning the Southland final against Longford Intermediate on 20 March and thereby qualifying to play the winners of the Otago final, Balmacewen in Dunedin on 4 April. They returned from that match convincing winners, making them the Otago/Southland Champions. This is a huge achievement in itself but they have now also qualified to contest for the South Island title when the cricket season recommences in Term 4. Once again the skilful cricket is complemented by admirable team spirit and graciousness among this talented group of girls.



## Inter-House Achievement Board

Mrs Judy Stiven came to assembly on Monday 14 March and presented a beautiful achievement board which the Friends of the College had commissioned, to record the winners of the annual inter-house competition dating back to 1976, the year BMC superseded Tapanui District High School. The board is now proudly on display above the trophy cabinet in the entry foyer. This is just another example of the great support the College receives from this enthusiastic and generous parent group.





## Kids Lit Quiz Team

In the academic stakes the KidzLit teams put in great performances in their regional competition on 11 March, with the number one team winning the Southland title for the second consecutive year. The many hours of hard work put in by the students and their coaches Mrs Gaylene McLay, Mrs Karen Green, Whina Pomana and Thomas Adam paid big dividends in terms of depth and breadth of knowledge, confidence and strategic gamesmanship. The winning team now travels to Wellington to compete in the National Final which is being held at Parliament. As an added bonus Deputy Prime Minister Mr Bill English extended a personal invitation to the team members to come to his office for a cup of tea and a chat while they are in Wellington, when he visited the school last Tuesday.

## Christchurch Earthquake Red Cross Appeal



Success of a community nature was strongly in evidence back at school when the students and staff participated in a ***Red and Black, Bring Christchurch Back*** mufti day, collectively raising an amazing total of \$2775 for the Red Cross. We're indebted to parents and caregivers for getting behind this fundraiser in such a generous manner!

### **Gore District Youth Council**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> March, Jared Stark (Yr 13) and Ellie-May Jarvis (Yr 12) were sworn in as BMC's representatives on the Gore District Youth Council, at a special ceremony hosted by Mayor Tracey Hicks.



## General

Our students have been performing extremely well in Athletics at all age levels with Otago, Otago/Southland and South Island secondary championships, as well as Eastern and Southland primary championship events all having taken place since the last newsletter. Twenty-six students participated at the Otago Athletics with 18 qualifying in the top 8 for Otago/Southland and 7 of those qualifying for the South Island meet. Stand-out performances included top three placings for Caleb Ellis, Sinead Cormack, Josie Mariu and Ashleigh White at Otago/Southland level and third placings for Ashleigh White at South Island level in both Javelin and Shot Put. Nine of the ten BMC students who qualified for Southland Primary Athletics gained top 3 placings, with a number featuring in multiple events, including Mitchell Pride and Yvonne van Baarle who both achieved 1<sup>st</sup> placings. The full details are listed below. Miss Robyn Smith did great work in facilitating a feature page for the ODT which showcased high quality student writing. The page which appeared in the Wednesday 23 March Secondary Scene included photographs, student artwork and three of the four student articles that had been prepared. The overall effect was superb and we have received a lot of favourable feedback from it.

A self-selected group of Year 12 students participated in a Maritime Safety course which culminated in a 5 day sailing experience in and around Stewart Island, including across Foveaux Strait from 14 March. The skipper of the Elwing, who was the course provider, was extremely impressed with the quality of the work our students completed and complemented them on both their achievement and attitude. A number of our students featured prominently in a Christchurch Earthquake fundraising concert at the St James Theatre on Saturday 2 April – we have had a lot of positive feedback on their performances, from a wide range of sources.

The formal part of the Year 8 DARE programme which was being delivered by Constable Linda Graham of the Gore Police has now been completed and a highly successful Fun Day with a range of interesting activities took place on Thursday 7 April.

There have been a range of other learning experiences and co curricula opportunities made available for groups of students since or last newsletter including:

- A number of students successfully completed a tramp for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award requirements on Saturday 5 March.
- The Year 13 students organised a great Peer Support Social with a jungle theme, for the junior students on Thursday 10 March – the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.
- Maeva-Rua Kopa and Shani Hayes were presented with their Tru Talent Scholarships by Trudy Rowe at assembly on Monday 14 March
- All Year 11 students attended a whole day “Drive to Survive” workshop in Dunedin on Tuesday 15 March
- We have had onsite visits from Tertiary liaison officers – Otago University, Otago Polytechnic 18 March and Lincoln University 23 March
- Two senior girls attended the Dan Davin Young Writers Workshop in Gore on 23 March
- Mrs Dianne Erickson arranged for a group of keen singers to attend a full day workshop with Judy Bellingham in Invercargill on Saturday 19 March
- 5 talented Year 13 singers attended the High School Supastars presentation in Gore on 23 March
- Kapahaka has been running regularly on Thursdays throughout the term and the Thai students were involved in a Powhiri experience on 24 March

## **Back to the 80's**



The penultimate week of the Term finished on a real high note, literally and figuratively, with a highly successful three night season of the Major Production in the Performing Arts – ***Back to the '80s***. Mrs Vicki Crawford, ably assisted by Mrs Barbara Hanna and a group of staff, parent and student helpers, put together a wonderful musical which showcased a large number of students and highlighted the depth and breadth of cultural talent which exists in the College. The audiences appreciated the humour and the fine individual dramatic and vocal performances, as well as the cleverly choreographed large group numbers. The students received tremendous positive feedback and their enjoyment in being part of a high energy fun show was obvious. I am grateful to everyone involved for putting in the weeks of intensive work that gave them the opportunity to be part of such an affirming learning experience.





## **Thai Group Tour**

On Monday 11 April, Andrea McKee took our Thai students through to Milford Sound for a boat cruise. They stayed the night at Te Anau and returned home the next day. This was just one of the great experiences that have been arranged for the students during their visit. Mrs McKee and Mrs McHutchon have done a wonderful job in arranging a varied and interesting programme for our visitors and we are very grateful to all the families who have generously agreed to host them in their homes.

## **Prefects Badges**

Year 13 students have made applications for delegations and committees and roles have been assigned. In a departure from previous years I will be staggering the presentation of Prefects' badges rather than giving every Year 13 a badge in one hit. Staff and senior students have been asked to let me know when they see good leadership in action, both in relation to specific delegations and in general terms. My thinking behind this is twofold. It is reinforcing to the Year 13 students that the badges are to be earned through positive action rather than merely by dint of making it to Year 13, and also keeping the concept of active leadership in front of the whole student body on a regular basis. The first two badges were presented at Assembly on 7 March.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

It was great to see so many parents and caregivers attending the Interviews with staff on Wednesday 30 March. The use of a group of classrooms as opposed to the Hall seemed to be well received by those I spoke with. Please feel free to feed back to either Mr Davies or me any suggestions for refining the process to make it more beneficial for you and your son(s)/daughters.

**Lindy Cavanagh –Monaghan**  
**Principal**

## Student Achievements

### Show Jumping and Dressage

Results from a recent competition held at Wyndham:

#### Yvonne Bootsma

- 1<sup>st</sup> in dressage and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for the Intro morning class

#### Kaylee Roberts

- 2<sup>nd</sup> in dressage and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for the morning pre-training class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in dressage and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for the afternoon pre-training class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for the day in Pre-training

#### Tamara Weller

- 4<sup>th</sup> in dressage and 4<sup>th</sup> overall for the morning pre-training class
- 4<sup>th</sup> in dressage and 4<sup>th</sup> overall for the afternoon pre-training class
- 4<sup>th</sup> overall for the day in pre-training

### Cricket

#### Women's Club Cricket

Danae Bradley 37 runs for Metro, Georgia Mackenzie took 2 catches and Metro narrowly lost on 2<sup>nd</sup> to last ball of match.

#### Representative Cricket

The following students have been selected for the Southland U15 cricket training squad: Yvonne van Baarle, Tessa Kelly, Annie Mackenzie, April O'Leary, Tash Johnston, Jordyn Ritchie, Neve Veza

The following students represented Southland U15 cricket against Canterbury at Dunedin on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Nikita Ritchie, April O'Leary, Tash Johnston, Jordyn Ritchie, Neve Veza.

BMC Junior Cricket Prizegiving results:

Nikita Ritchie - Best all round cricketer  
Georgia Heffernan - Best Bowling figures and top wickets  
Stella Keown - Best Bowling economy  
Tessa Kelly - Best Batting average  
Yvonne van Baarle - Most runs for season  
Annie Mackenzie - Team Spirit and Leadership

BMC Senior Girls Cricket Prizegiving results:

Jordyn Ritchie - Most Improved & best bowling figures  
Ashleigh White - Best all round cricket and most potential  
April O'Leary – Team Spirit

Danae Bradley - Leadership in women's cricket and recognition of being a positive role model

## Duathlon

Kate Crawford competed at the South Island Secondary Schools duathlon in Oamaru recently gaining a 3<sup>rd</sup> placing.

## Swimming

Stella Keown represented Southland at the South Island Country and Town Swimming competition in Greymouth recently. Stella competed extremely well gaining the following placings:

1<sup>st</sup> 10 & Under Girls 50 Freestyle  
1<sup>st</sup> " " 50 Breaststroke  
1<sup>st</sup> " " 100 Breaststroke  
2<sup>nd</sup> " " 100 Freestyle  
Relay team 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 & Under Freestyle

## Cultural

Jo Kummer was chosen to play the piano in a special recital at the Southland Museum for the top students of Southland Music teachers.

## Athletics

### Otago Athletic Results

Twenty-six students participated at the Otago Athletics with 18 qualifying in the top 8 for the Otago/Southland Athletics. Both events were held in Dunedin.

#### Under 14

Sarah McKee – 100m 8<sup>th</sup>, LJ 11<sup>th</sup>  
Michaela Blair – 100m 18<sup>th</sup>, 400m 5<sup>th</sup>, LJ 9<sup>th</sup>  
Jordyn Ritchie – Shot 7<sup>th</sup>, discus 7<sup>th</sup>, javelin 9<sup>th</sup>  
Ryan Duff – Discus 19<sup>th</sup>  
Matthew Hoffman-Whyte – Discus 15<sup>th</sup>, Shot 14<sup>th</sup>  
Caleb Ellis – Shot 3<sup>rd</sup>, Discus 6<sup>th</sup>, Javelin 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Under 15

Grace Isted – 800m 5<sup>th</sup>, LJ 8<sup>th</sup>, Javelin 9<sup>th</sup>  
Rhiann Knowles – LJ, Shot 9<sup>th</sup>, Javelin 5<sup>th</sup>  
Kate Crawford – Shot 10<sup>th</sup>, Discus 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mason Calder – 800m 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Under 16

Sinead Cormack – Javelin 4<sup>th</sup>  
Garth Devereux – Shot 3<sup>rd</sup>, Discus 9<sup>th</sup>  
Lee Stiven – Discus 6<sup>th</sup>, Javelin 5<sup>th</sup>  
Stephen Barclay – Shot 9<sup>th</sup>

### SENIOR

Ashleigh White – Discus 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shot 2<sup>nd</sup>, Javelin 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Josie Mariu – HJ 1<sup>st</sup>  
Maeva-Rua Kopa – Shot 4<sup>th</sup>  
Leah Gardyne – Discus 3<sup>rd</sup>, LJ 5<sup>th</sup>  
Rachael Corlett – Javelin 6<sup>th</sup>  
Caycee Cormack – Discus 9<sup>th</sup>, Javelin 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jared Stark – 100 8<sup>th</sup>, shot 14<sup>th</sup>, discus 8<sup>th</sup>

Dylan Mackenzie – Discus 11<sup>th</sup>, shot 8<sup>th</sup>, javelin 10<sup>th</sup>  
Tyrone Broad – Javelin 14<sup>th</sup>, Discus 6<sup>th</sup>  
Scott Hansen – Discus 9<sup>th</sup>, shot 12<sup>th</sup>  
James Rea – Javelin 9<sup>th</sup>

### **OTAGO SOUTHLAND QUALIFIERS**

#### Under 14

Sarah McKee  
Michaela Blair  
Jordyn Ritchie  
Caleb Ellis

#### Under 15

Grace Isted  
Rhiann Knowles  
Kate Crawford  
Mason Calder

#### Under 16

Sinead Cormack  
Garth Devereux  
Lee Stiven

#### Senior

Ashleigh White  
Josie Mariu  
Maeva-Rua Kopa  
Leah Gardyne  
Rachael Corlett

### **OTAGO/SOUTHLAND RESULTS**

#### Under 14

Sarah McKee – 100m 6<sup>th</sup>  
Michaela Blair – 400m 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jordyn Ritchie – Shot 7<sup>th</sup>, discus 8<sup>th</sup>  
Caleb Ellis – Shot 2<sup>nd</sup>, Discus 7<sup>th</sup>, Javelin 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Under 15

Grace Isted – 800m 8<sup>th</sup>, LJ 10<sup>th</sup>  
Rhiann Knowles – Javelin 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mason Calder – 800m 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Under 16

Sinead Cormack – Javelin 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Garth Devereux – Shot 7<sup>th</sup>  
Lee Stiven – Discus 9<sup>th</sup>, Javelin 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Senior

Ashleigh White – Discus 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shot 1<sup>st</sup>, Javelin 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Josie Mariu – HJ 1<sup>st</sup>  
Maeva-Rua Kopa – Shot 4<sup>th</sup>  
Leah Gardyne – Discus 5<sup>th</sup>, LJ 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rachael Corlett – Javelin 6<sup>th</sup>  
Dylan Mackenzie – shot 10<sup>th</sup>  
Tyrone Broad – Discus 7<sup>th</sup>

### **SOUTH ISLAND RESULTS**

Sinead Cormack	JAVELIN 10 <sup>th</sup>
Ashleigh White	SHOT 3 <sup>rd</sup> , DISCUS 8 <sup>th</sup> , JAVELIN 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Leah Gardyne	LONG JUMP 10 <sup>th</sup>
Maeva-Rua Kopa	SHOT 11 <sup>th</sup>
Lee Stiven	JAVELIN 9 <sup>th</sup>
Josie Mariu	HIGH JUMP 7 <sup>th</sup>

### **2011 EASTERN ATHLETICS**

The following 16 Year 7/8 students qualified to compete at the Eastern Athletics in Gore on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at Newman Park.

What an amazing day for our young athletes with outstanding results overall. We had 8 students gain 1<sup>st</sup> placings, 7 students gain 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings and one with a 4<sup>th</sup> placing. Our 11 Year old Girls and 12 Year old Boys Relay teams slaughtered the other schools easily winning their events while the 12 Year old Girls Relay team gained 3<sup>rd</sup> placing.

Blue Mountain College can be very proud of these students who represented the school with enthusiasm and had immense pride in their appearance.

<u>11 Years</u>	Kate Heffernan	100m	5 <sup>th</sup> in final		
		200m	1 <sup>st</sup>	32.78	
		High Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
	Alice Young	100m	4 <sup>th</sup> in final		
	Georgia Heffernan	100m	6 <sup>th</sup> in final		
		Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.97m	
		Yvonne van Baarle	100m	1 <sup>st</sup>	15.02
		High Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.30m	
		Discus	1 <sup>st</sup>	19.50m	
		Long Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>	4.37m	
	Siobhan Evans	200m	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
	Isobel Perkins	Shot Put	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.94m	
<u>12 Years</u>	Anna Power	800m	1 <sup>st</sup>	2min57	
		1500m	1 <sup>st</sup>	6min	
	Tamara Weller	800m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.05min	
		Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.40m	
		High Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.25m	
	Nikita Ritchie	High Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
		Shot Put	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
	Discus	3 <sup>rd</sup>	16.43m		
	Tessa Kelly	Discus	1 <sup>st</sup>	17.18m	
<u>11 Years</u>	Issac McArley	Long Jump			
		High Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
	Zac McKenzie	Discus	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
	Angus Simmers	100m	5 <sup>th</sup> heat		
		200m	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<u>12 Years</u>	Daniel Batt	100m	1 <sup>st</sup>	14.25	
		200m	1 <sup>st</sup>	27.56	
		Long Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>	4.38m	
	Mitchell Pryde	Shot Put	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.20m	
		Discus	1 <sup>st</sup>	25.14m	

Ben Rea                      Shot Put                      3<sup>rd</sup>                      8.60m

<u>Relay Teams</u>	11 Year Girls	Alice/Kate/Georgia/Yvonne	1 <sup>st</sup>
	12 Year Boys	Zach/Daniel/Angus/Mitchell	1 <sup>st</sup>
	12 Year Girls	Tessa/Nikita/Tamara/Anna	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### **SOUTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

Ten BMC students represented Eastern Southland at the Southland Primary School Zone Athletics held at Surrey Park in Invercargill on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2011. Nine of our pupils gained Top 3 placings which was fantastic with Mitchell and Yvonne both achieving 1<sup>st</sup> placings.

#### **RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:**

Kate Heffernan (11)	200m		6 <sup>th</sup>	32.73sec		
	High Jump		17 <sup>th</sup>	1.05m		
	4X100m Relay		3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00.33		
Alice Young (11)	4X100m Relay		3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00.33		
Georgia Heffernan (11)	Long Jump		2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.06m		
Yvonne van Baarle (11)	100m		1 <sup>st</sup>	14.37sec		
	High Jump		2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.25m		
	Discus		8 <sup>th</sup>	17.06m		
	Long Jump		1 <sup>st</sup>	4.37m		
	4X100m Relay		3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00.33		
Isobel Perkins (11)	Shot Put		11 <sup>th</sup>	5.71m		
Anna Power (12)	800m		4 <sup>th</sup>	2:56.15		
		1500m			2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.48
Tamara Weller (12)	800m		7 <sup>th</sup>	3:02.56		
	High Jump		2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30m		
Tessa Kelly (12)	Discus		3 <sup>rd</sup>	19.54m		
Daniel Batt (12)	100m		3 <sup>rd</sup>	14.05sec		
	200m		3 <sup>rd</sup>	28.20sec		
	Long Jump		18 <sup>th</sup>	3.55m		
	4X100m Relay		5 <sup>th</sup>	58.50		
Mitchell Pryde (12)	Shot Put		1 <sup>st</sup>	9.63m		
	Discus		4 <sup>th</sup>	21.66m		

## Information

### Blue Mountain College Netball Club Quiz

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011  
7pm start – BMC Hall

Team entries to Mrs Venz

### Netball Club Fundraiser

Canterbury Pants for Sale - Contact Janine Venz

Blue Mountain College  
Sports Tour 2012

### Quiz Night

West Otago Town & Country  
30<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
7.30pm

Teams of 4- \$20  
Please supply 2 Raffles per tour member  
Thankyou

### Back to the 80's

This year 42 students from yr 10-13 appeared on stage for 3 nights to stage 'Back to the 80's'. After a whole term's work and a few challenges along the way, it all came together into a very funny and entertaining show. So much so, that the community are still talking about it. It was a wonderful showcase for many of our talented performers who all outdid themselves. There were special moments, dances and songs as all who took lead roles, excelled by throwing themselves into their parts with enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see them all utilise their strengths and for some to step out for the first time and make such a good job.

We are very fortunate to have the support of WOTS who assist with lights, sound and costumes, and we thank them for their ongoing support. To have a total theatrical experience for the students is amazing where they can learn the protocols of working

in a theatre and many aspects of stagecraft. It was good to involve other students in the backstage areas of makeup, lighting, sound and props/ backstage. All of whom did a very good job.

Thanks to you our school community for giving us support by attending the show and to the parents for getting students to rehearsals. To the community helpers and the staff who helped in any way to make the show a success thanks! A special thanks to Mrs Hanna for all of the things she attends to as well as the choreography. (Yr 13's thanks for your enthusiasm, we will miss your talents in the Arts arena next year.)  
Vicki Crawford

## **NYDS National Youth Drama School**

This year, 8 Year 13 students are attending the National Youth Drama School in Napier on the first week of the holidays. They will have a full on week from Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> where they will experience song writing, acting, circus skills, directing, musical theatre, props and costume making and much more amongst 300 students from all over, aged 15 -20 years.

They have all raised \$1000 to attend and have had sponsorship from West Otago Theatrical Society, Tru Talent, Erratic and some have had money from MLT , Creative Communities and the Clutha District Youth Development Fund.

They held a very successful fundraiser in March, Tapanui's Got Talent and made nearly \$3000 to help with the cost of airfares. This event was well supported by the community both in performers and in the audience attendance. We wish them well in their journey and look forward to hearing from them upon their return.

## **Concert for Christchurch Earthquake Fund**

Several of our senior students entertained at a fundraising concert for Salvation Army funds for Christchurch. Our students sang, played and danced and were a highlight of the evening. This helped raise just over \$2000 for the worthy cause.

## **Song Writing**

This last week of school we were fortunate enough to have a visitor to the college to talk to some interested students about Song Writing. He was Mike Maroney. The students enjoyed their time with him and we are appreciative of Mr Jeff Rea organising this for our students.

### **Community Notices**

#### **For Sale Second-hand College Clothing**

Contact Friends of the College  
Judy 2048130 or Deborah 2048132

# Congratulations Seth!

**05 April 2011**

## **Kawasaki Ace Hits the Big Time**

The 19-year-old Kawasaki ace, who actually lives in Christchurch and commutes to nearby Rangiora for work each day, has only been racing bikes less than three years but now he's a national motorcycling champion.

Devereux led a Kawasaki 1-2-3 to the top step of the podium in the Prolites 250 class at the fifth and final round of this year's New Zealand Superbike Championships, which wrapped up at Manfeild, in the Manawatu, on Sunday.

Devereux (racing a 2010-model Kawasaki Ninja 250R) had actually already sealed the title at the previous round, at Hampton Downs, near Meremere, a week earlier, scoring enough points to be untouchable as the series headed south to Manfield.

"It's quite funny how I got into road-racing," said Devereux. "I had picked up a few speeding tickets riding my bike on the road and a friend of mine, Tony Grieving, suggested I should go road-racing.

"The first time I tried racing I finished the day fourth overall ... so that was pretty good.

"I won the streetstock 150 class South Island Cup last year but it wasn't a national championship.

"I'm thinking I might like to try the 125 GP class next season."

Runner-up to Devereux this season was Palmerston North's Paul Billington, with Otaki's Sarah Elliott taking third spot on yet another Kawasaki.

Devereux also won the New Zealand TT and New Zealand GP titles for his class this year, in total winning 12 of the 14 races he started.

The only law that Devereux now defies is the law against gravity and, whenever a motorcycle racing trophy gets taken away, he's the prime suspect.



Canterbury crusader Seth Devereux (Kawasaki), who won the national Prolites 250 title at the weekend. Photo by Andy McGeachan, BikesportNZ.com