



Blue Mountain College

Newsletter Issue 1, Term 1, March 2011

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We received this exciting news just after we had distributed the last newsletter for 2010.



Gavin Stark on top of the dais after winning the prestigious Gold Medal in the 100m (U16) at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Track and Field Championships in Hastings on December 11&12. There were approximately 1400 competitors from 218 secondary schools throughout New Zealand. Gavin recorded a time of 11.24 in the final also breaking the Southland U15Boys' Record. He competed in the 400m (U16) gaining another podium bronze medal in this event.

Over the summer holidays work begun on installing high speed internet cabling throughout the school. This is the first stage of a government initiative to improve internet access for all students across the country, known as SNUP (School Network Upgrade Project). This initial stage of the project is now complete for us and students and staff should notice some immediate benefits, with more to come once the roll out to rural areas occurs, though we are unsure of the timeline for the latter.

We have begun the school year fully staffed and with no changes to either the permanent teaching staff or the support staff, other than the fact that Mr Alan Ritchie has opted to go part time. This combined with parents/caregivers of senior students making the most of the opportunity to meet with Mrs Janine Venz to finalize course planning, prior to school starting and the orientation activities organized by Mrs Liz Murray being so well supported by the parents/caregivers of our new Year 7 students meant the learning year got off to a great start.

The beginning of the Term has been a busy time. Year 13 students completed their Peer Support training with Mr Erridge and have begun working with the Year 7 students in small groups. The first of the Kapa haka sessions for the year got underway on Thursday of week one. Part of this session was planning for a Powhiri to welcome students new to the college on the Monday following Waitangi Day. Mrs Natalie Wright prepared a brief presentation on the historical background of the Treaty of Waitangi and presented it at assembly the same day. The auditions for the Kids Lit competition generated a high level of interest this year so two teams rather than one have been selected and intensive training has been occurring 4 days a week. Those involved with the training are staff members Mrs Karen Green and Mrs Gaylene McLay, senior student Whina Pomana and junior student Thomas Adam. Thomas was a member of last year's winning team and asked if he could help with the training. We wish all involved the best of luck for their competition on Friday 11 March.

Students who are studying through OtagoNet this year and members of our staff who are delivering programmes travelled to Roxburgh on Friday 11 February for an e-day. School coordinator Mrs Natalie Wright reported that this had been a good opportunity for the e-teachers to make face to face connections with their students and vice versa. Meanwhile back at school our cricket players were treated to a coaching session with Suzie Bates from the White Ferns during Friday sport. Student ID photos were taken on Monday 14 February and Mr Moody will arrange for photos of any absentees to be taken by college staff.

Our representatives on the Clutha District Youth Council this year are Danae Bradley and Tony Johnston. Their first meeting took place on the evening of Monday 14 February. Unfortunately neither Danae nor I were able to attend but Tony was duly sworn in and represented the school admirably. Jared Stark is continuing to represent us on the Gore District Youth Council and this year he is being joined in this role by Year 12 student Ellie –May Jarvis. We congratulate all of these students and look forward to them bringing a thoughtful Blue Mountain College perspective to their respective debating chambers.

The Athletic Sports were held on Wednesday 16 February. The day ran smoothly with good weather conditions, great student participation and plenty of parental support. House spirit was in evidence and the Year 13 students provided strong positive leadership on the day. I was impressed with the way the students wore their sports uniforms. Three records were broken – two in shot put and one on the track. All staff contributed to running the event with Mr Murray Adams and his team having done a superb job of preparing the venues and Mr Jim Erridge with help from Miss Anna Pennicott and Mrs Sue Stark did sterling work in coordinating the programme and ensuring all students had the opportunity to participate fully. It was pleasing to see so many parents/caregivers, siblings and wider family members helping at events and generally encouraging and supporting all of the students.



Mrs Trudy-Ann Rowe has generously offered the students of Blue Mountain College two scholarships to receive Speech and Drama lessons for a year. The scholarships are open to students in Years 10 – 13 who have an interest in learning speech and may not otherwise be in a financial position to access such tuition. The combined value of the scholarships is \$1600. Applications closed on 18 February and the recipients will be announced at an assembly in early March. I believe BMC is the only secondary school in the area being offered this opportunity and we are delighted that our students are the ones to benefit.

Mrs Kathryn Harvey arranged for parents to transport approximately 30 of our students to Invercargill on the afternoon of Friday 18 February to watch the White Ferns play Australia. This was a great opportunity to see International Cricket so close to home, one which the students thoroughly enjoyed and New Zealand winning was the icing on the cake.

Mr Davies took the Year 7&8 Cricket boys to compete in the Milo Series in Gore on Monday 21 February. They had a great day beating a combined Miller's Flat, Roxburgh team in the first round and then going on to beat Longford convincingly in the play offs. This team will now progress to play Southland Boys in the Southland final. The DARE programme has begun for Year 8 students and we are grateful for the work of Constable Linda Graham of the Gore Police in facilitating this. The Year 12 Biologists had a highly successful field trip to the Marine Centre at Portobello on 23 February.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Marie Gow whose husband had been the long serving and much respected Property Manager for the college. A number of staff attended the service to honour Marie's life on 23 February.

Mr Murray Adams and his team made special preparations to enable the West Otago Primary Athletics Sports to be held on our grounds on 24 February. The little ones appeared to have a great day and it was a pleasure to be able to share our facilities with our contributing schools.

Our Year 13 students embarked on their Fiordland Tramp the same day. This is a well established part of the Blue Mountain culture which is highly valued by the students and we are very grateful to the talented and dedicated group of parents who spent four intensive days helping the Year 13s to challenge themselves and develop their leadership skills. Huge thanks to Roger Mariu, Kerry France, Alan Edwards, Fiona Hancox, Craig Tomsett and Lennox Crawford. Mrs Janine Venz did amazing work with all of the organisation and preparation with the students as well as liaising with the tramp leaders.



The Board of Trustees had their first meeting for the year on 24 February. Election of officers for 2011 saw Mr Tony Livingston step down as Chairman. Tony has been fantastic to work with and has given great service to the college in this demanding role for a number of years. Thankfully he is remaining on the Board so we will all continue to benefit from his energy and wisdom. Congratulations to Mr Bill McCall, the previous Vice Chairman who is the newly elected Chairman and Mrs Kathryn Tomsett who is the newly elected Vice Chairperson.



Mr Peter Davies took the 1st XI Gillette Cup Cricket Team across to Lawrence on Monday 28 February where they played teams from Catlins and South Otago. Despite some strong individual performances our boys remained winless at the end of the day.

We were delighted to welcome the parents of top performing current senior students to a special assembly to celebrate their academic successes. Tessa McCall (Top Scholar) and Erwin Ricketts (Premier Scholar) who graduated at the end of last year had already departed to take up tertiary courses at Lincoln and Otago Universities respectively, so received their awards in absentia.

From last year's Year 12 studying NCEA Level 2, Top Scholars were: Mariah-Carey Broad, Danae Bradley, Cassie Crawford and Gemma Townshend all of whom gained Merit Endorsements. The Premier Scholar was Courtney Sanne who gained a Merit Endorsement consisting of 51 Merit and 41 Excellence credits at Level 2 and a further 3 Excellence credits at Level 3.

From last year's Year 11 studying NCEA Level 1, Top Scholars were: Rachael Corlett, Ellie-May Jarvis, Josie Mariu, Whina Pomana, Charlotte Kerr, Sarah Purchase, Leah Purchase, Amberley Kummer (not pictured) and Rosemary Alderton (left) – all of whom received Merit Endorsements and Ashleigh White who received an Excellence Endorsement with 50 Excellence and 48 Merit credits. Tony Johnston was the Premier Scholar with an Excellence Endorsement with 56 Excellence and 52 Merit credits. These individuals deserve to be immensely proud of their achievements and serve as superb role models for their classmates as well as the junior students, in setting high academic goals for themselves and putting in the hard work to realise them.



The annual Swimming Sports were held on Tuesday 1 March. Once again this was a great day with good levels of participation, strong leadership from the Year 13 students, obvious House spirit, slick organisation on the part of Miss Anna Pennicott and Mrs Sue Stark and the many parent and staff helpers and a great carnival atmosphere. There was no shortage of competitiveness and the large number of records which were broken were indicative of quality individual performances on the day.



All Year 12 students got the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers Marcus Akuhata-Brown and Celia Lashlie at Telford Polytechnic on Friday 4 March. The Mayor of the Clutha District Bryan Cadogan had arranged the event and through his Mayoral Fund covered the cost of the transport for our students. We are grateful for this opportunity and the students I have spoken with certainly took a lot of positive messages from it.

The Christchurch Earthquake has been at the forefront of everyone's minds since 12:51pm on 22 February. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been affected by this catastrophic event and particularly members of our college community. We joined the rest of the nation in observing 2 minutes silence on 1 March exactly a week after the major tremor. BMC will be combining with other secondary schools in our region in holding a **Red and Black, Bring Christchurch Back** Mufti Day on Friday 11 March, and would appreciate your support with this fundraiser, the proceeds of which will be going directly to New Zealand Red Cross. We have been delighted to welcome Christchurch students Katie Bromley, Rebekah Fenton, Kate Stiven and Caleb Ellis to BMC during the course of the past week, and will endeavour to make their time with us, however long or short, as happy and productive as possible.

Megan Lindsay Finlayson

16 January 1994 – 7 February 2011

Megan was the kind of quality young woman who made an immediate and lasting impression on everyone she met.

Megan first came to Blue Mountain College at the beginning of 2005 as a quiet, shy little Year 7 girl, and with every year since, she had grown in so many ways – literally and figuratively blossoming into a strong and beautiful young woman. She has been characterised as a tree in full spring bloom as she was embarking on her 7th form year. She was looking forward with genuine excitement to all the opportunities that lay ahead; both ready to further her own academic ambitions and to share all her gifts and talents for the benefit of others.

Megan was already demonstrating all the most valuable traits of a leader, what is sometimes described as servant leadership. She had clear ideas about what needed to be done in a given situation, got on with the hard work required; took responsibility, while encouraging others to help her, and always acknowledged their contributions, rather than needing recognition for her own.

Her work in running the school canteen throughout 2010 and organizing the food for the 2011 Year 13 Leadership camp, are just two practical examples of these leadership qualities.

Right from the outset of her time at Blue Mountain, Megan was a diligent and focussed learner, who was well organised and set high goals for herself. Her school reports



consistently reflect those same themes. She maintained that wonderful work ethic, and self-imposed high standards, and as a result made the most of her natural abilities in the classroom. Megan's impressive results in NCEA Level 1, saw her named as one of the College's Top Scholars and in 2010 she gained Certificates of Merit in Biology, Chemistry, Food Technology and Physics.

She had just recently returned from Hands on Science, an extension course run by the University of Otago. While continuing to pursue her passion for science in her subject choices for her 7th Form year, and preparing for an intended tertiary course in Forensic Science, Megan was also excited about studying History for the first time, and had been enjoying every one of her subjects.

A young woman for all seasons, Megan not only made the most of her learning opportunities inside the classroom but was also heavily involved in the sporting and cultural life of the college. She showed equal commitment, organization and dogged determination in playing codes such as: cricket, netball and rugby; and of course achieving to a particularly high level in Shooting and Karate, winning a number of prizes in the former, including a Sporting Blue, and attaining her Black Belt, in the latter. She is recognised by her coaches and managers for always giving her best, encouraging others and being equally gracious in either victory or defeat.

On the cultural front Megan had been fully involved in Inter-House activities, Stage Challenges and Productions over the years and was a real team player in these settings too. This year for the first time she was stepping out of her comfort zone by taking on a major role in Back to the Eighties, involving both acting and solo singing. She was really proud to have won the part and excited about the challenges it would bring. The prospect of attending the National Youth Drama School later this year was another much anticipated adventure.

Megan had already completed both her Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards and had everything in place to complete her Gold by May of this year. In this, as in everything she was highly organised, self directed and took her obligations seriously, while at the same time having fun. I believe the service work she did at Kidzway for example, was highly valued.

She had a great sense of humour and an ability to be forthright; a combination which she used to great affect to get her point across when she thought teachers might have omitted to do something they should have, or were somehow on the wrong track. It was a mark of the esteem that Megan was held in, that she was able to point out such perceived shortcomings without causing any offence. In Mr Erridge's words, "Megan shot from the hip".

It is abundantly clear, that Megan achieved a tremendous amount in her short life, but perhaps her greatest achievements were in the way she carried herself and the effect that she had on those she came into contact with.

The reflections that have been shared by members of our school community speak emphatically of: joie de vivre, positivity, cheerfulness, capability, genuine care and

concern for others, inclusiveness, laughter, encouragement, helpfulness, loyalty, courage, enthusiasm, honesty, generosity, practicality, sensitivity, warmth, humility, and kindness.

For many of us, these characteristics were encapsulated in that ever present and unforgettable smile, which radiated from the depths of gorgeous intense blue eyes. That smile, spontaneously bestowed; in the classroom, in the corridor, on the bus, at the office, in the peer support group, on the tramp, encouraging the aspiring brown belt.

Megan's passing leaves a huge void in our college community. We will miss all that she had given and all that she was poised to give.

In God's care you sleep above

In our hearts you stay with love

Rest in Peace Megan

On behalf of the college community I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Robbie, Ron (Tuscon) and Jacob for allowing us all to have such an active part in farewelling Megan and honouring her life. I would also like to acknowledge all the members of helping agencies who came to Megan's aid: St John, Medical Staff, Fire Brigade, Rescue Helicopter and the other adults who lent assistance. Our Chaplain Mr Clive Lietze and Reverend George Kopa have been invaluable in the on site work they have done with both students and staff over the past few weeks and in the ongoing help they have been offering. We have also received amazing support from a large number of schools, educational and community agencies, as well as the wider West Otago community. I want to acknowledge the members of our school community who made special contributions to the funeral service for Megan. The whole student body carried themselves in a most respectful manner and contributed much to honouring their schoolmate's life. I was immensely proud of each and every one of them.

Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan
Principal

Student Achievements

Achievements

We try to maintain an accurate database of student achievements and often rely on students informing us of what they have done. Often they are not good at this. If your child does particularly well in something (sports, cultural, leadership, community etc) and you think it may be noteworthy – please contact the College Office and let us know. ☺

Athletics Champions 2011

UNDER 12 GIRLS

1st Kate Heffernan
2nd Georgia Heffernan

UNDER 12 BOYS

1st Angus Simmers
2nd Ben Morris

UNDER 13 GIRLS

1st Anna Power
2nd Tamara Weller

UNDER 13 BOYS

1st Daniel Batt
2nd Mitchell Pryde

UNDER 14 GIRLS

1st Michaela Blair
2nd Sarah McKee

UNDER 14 BOYS

1st Fraser Munro
2nd Liam Wright

UNDER 15 GIRLS

1st K Crawford
2nd = Grace Isted
Rhiann Knowles

UNDER 15 BOYS

1st Mason Calder
2nd Nathan Sanne

UNDER 16 GIRLS

1st Sinead Cormack
No second place

UNDER 16 BOYS

1st Gavin Stark
2nd Lee Stiven

SENIOR GIRLS

1st Ashleigh White
2nd Leah Gardyne

SENIOR BOYS

1st Josiah Hutchison
2nd Jared Stark

Athletics Records

| | | Old | New |
|----------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| Dylan Mackenzie (Sen Boys) | SHOT | 11.58m | 11.84m |
| Mitchell Pryde (U13 Boys) | SHOT | 9.53m | 9.77m |
| Gavin Stark (U16 Boys) | 400m | 57.94sec | 56.66sec |

Netball

Ashleigh White has been selected for the Southland Advanced Netball Academy.

Eastern Southland Pony Club One Day Event

- Georgia Heffernan 3rd Kindy section

Otago Secondary Schools' Water Ski Championships

- Zoe Hancox placed 1st in 13 and under Novice
- Jared Stark placed 2nd in 18 & under
- Sam Perkins placed 1st equal in 13 and under Novice

- Elliot Hancox placed 4th in 16 and under Novice
- BMC team overall gained 4th placing out of the 7 teams entered with an overall score of 85.50.

Cricket

Yvonne van Baarle, Kate Crawford, Tash Johnston & April O'Leary were selected for the Otago U15 cricket team. They played during the Christmas holidays in a tournament in Christchurch.

Ashleigh White, Danae Bradley and Kate Stiven were selected for the Otago Secondary Schools' Girls cricket team which played in Hamilton over the Christmas holidays and also the Otago Women's development team. Kate Stiven also spent the summer playing cricket in the Otago Sparks team in the national competition.

Cricket cont.....

Mitchell Pryde and Sean Duff were selected for the Southland Country A cricket team. They played in the South Island tournament which won 1 drew 1 and lost 2 and were overall 6th out of 13 teams.

Year 7 & 8 boys' Milo Cricket Team beat Millers Flat/Roxburgh and Longford and will now meet Southland Boys High School in the final. Game 1 vs Millers Flat – BMC batted first in a rain shortened game 16 overs each and made 112 – Taine Rarere 25, Mitchell Pryde 32, Sean Duff 25 not out and Angus Simmers 14 not out. They restricted Millers Flat to 83 for 6. Game 2 vs Longford – BMC batted first scoring 158 for 2 – Mitchell Pryde 89, Sean Duff 35. BMC bowled Longford out for 69 runs, Sean Duff 1-8, Angus Simmers 1-15, Ethan Jane 3-12, Mitchell Pryde 1-10 and Taine Rarere 2-10.

Milo Shield Cricket (Girls) also played two games against Longford and James Hargest. Game 1 a win to BMC 172 for 7 with Yvonne van Baarle making 92 runs. Longford were bowled out for 61. Brea Sim, Kate Heffernan, Georgia Heffernan and Annie Mackenzie all took 2 wickets each. Game 2 – vs James Hargest. BMC winning this game easily. Molly Johnson and Nikita Ritchie took wickets. Tessa Kelly 27 not out.

1st XI Girls vs Gore High. Win to BMC. Gore High all out for 30 runs.

Athletics

Sarah McKee competed well at the Colgate games in Dunedin last month. She was placed in the semi finals in her 100m and was 2nd reserve for the final.

Dance

Courtney Sanne passed her Grade 4 Ballet exam with Honours.

Triathlon

Mathilde van Baarle and Kate Crawford competed at Cromwell on 24th February in the Otago/S'Land Triathlon. Mathilde 300m swim and Kate 22km bike followed by 6km run. Their junior girls team finished in a time of 1.24.10 in 9th placing overall.

Citizenship

- Kim Shaw, Alice Crawford and Renee Tomsett have completed all the requirements for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards.
- Nathan Thomson recently received his Grand Prior Award for St John.
- Jamie Mackenzie (Tapanui) and Penelope Peirce (Millers Flat) both ex BMC students were awarded Tuapeka Bursaries.
- Year 14 student Catherine Hutchison has recently returned from a highly successful voyage on the Spirit of Adventure.

SWIMMING SPORTS 2011 RECORDS

| EVENT | NAME | AGE | OLD RECORD | NEW RECORD |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Medley | Kate Crawford | U15 Girls | 1.23.06 | 1.22.19 |
| 25 Freestyle | Mathilde van Baarle | U15 Girls | 15.79 | 14.43 |
| 25 Freestyle | Gavin Stark | U16 Boys | 13.62 | 13.09 |
| 25 Freestyle | Jared Stark | Sen Boys | 13.40 | 12.97 |
| 50 freestyle | Gavin Stark | U16 Boys | 29.29 | 28.58 |
| 25 Backstroke | Kate Crawford | U15 Girls | 18.24 | 17.16 |
| 50 Butterfly | James Rea | Sen Boys | 38.66 | 36.25 |
| 50 Butterfly | Gavin Stark | U16 Boys | 37.91 | 31.66 |
| 50 Butterfly | Mathilde van Baarle | U15 Girls | 37.22 | 36.76 |
| 50 Backstroke | Mathilde van Baarle | U15 Girls | 39.03 | 37.68 |
| 25 Breaststroke | Kate Crawford | U15 Girls | 21.78 | 20.70 |
| 25 Breaststroke | Gavin Stark | U16 Boys | 19.62 | 17.37 |
| 25 Breaststroke | Jared Stark | Sen Boys | 18.47 | 18.31 |
| 50 Breaststroke | Kate Crawford | U15 Girls | 44.66 | 44.38 |
| 25 Butterfly | Mathilde van Baarle | U15 Girls | 17.79 | 16.03 |
| 25 Butterfly | Gavin Stark | U16 Boys | 15.93 | 14.58 |
| 25 Butterfly | James Rea | Sen Boys | 15.38 | 15.34 |

SWIMMING SPORTS 2011 CHAMPIONS

UNDER 12 GIRLS

1st Stella Keown
2nd Alice Young

UNDER 12 BOYS

1st Angus Simmers
2nd Ben Morris

UNDER 13 GIRLS

1st Yvonne van Baarle
2nd Tamara Weller

UNDER 13 BOYS

1st = Mitchell Pryde and Ben Rea

UNDER 14 GIRLS

1st Zoe Hancox
No second place

UNDER 14 BOYS

1st Luc Purser
2nd Dion Falconer

UNDER 15 GIRLS

1st Mathilde van Baarle
2nd Kate Crawford

UNDER 15 BOYS

NO CHAMPION

UNDER 16 GIRLS

1st = Sinead Cormack and Katie Bromley

UNDER 16 BOYS

1st Gavin Stark
2nd Garth Devereux

SENIOR GIRLS

1st Caycee Cormack
2nd Ashleigh White

SENIOR BOYS

1st Jared Stark
2nd James Rea

HOUSE POINTS

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 st | Robertson | 540 |
| 2 nd | McKellar | 410 |
| 3 rd | Quin | 368 |
| 4 th | Pinkerton | 316 |

**Annie MacKenzie
warming up with the
White Ferns.**

Annie won a competition and was the 12th Fern for the T20 match against Australia in Invercargill on 19th Feb which meant that she got to hang out with the team for the day which she really enjoyed.



School Information

**Homestays required urgently
for 3 young Thai boys aged 10 to 13
and a female teacher.**

**Homestay payment of \$190 a week per student
for 9 weeks**

**If you can help please contact
Gloria McHutchon
School 2048358 Home 2040846**

Form Teachers 2011

| Class | Teacher | Room |
|-------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 7Yg | Mrs Young | 18 |
| 7Mu | Mrs Murray | 19 |
| 8Cr | Mrs Crawford | Art Room |
| 8Ek | Mrs Erickson | Music Room |
| 9Hv | Mrs Harvey Mr Ritchie | 11 |
| 9Mt | Mrs McTavish Mrs Ritchie | 10 |
| 10Pn | Miss Pennicott Mrs Turner | 1 |
| 10Ga | Mr Gartly Mrs Turner | 2 |
| 11 | Mrs Chamberlain Mr Moody | 4 |
| 12 | Mr Venz Ms Wright | 9 |
| 13 | Mr Hutchison Mrs Roughan | Common Room |

Deans 2011

Years 7 & 8

Mrs Murray

Years 9 & 10

Mrs Green

Years 11-13

Mrs Venz

School Magazine 2010

The School Magazine is still available from the College office at \$20 per copy. Thank you to all parents who supported us by purchasing our School magazine.

School ID Cards

In the last couple of years School ID Cards were organised for students and these cards will be available again this year. The cards are credit card size and in many ways look very like a credit card. They have a high quality photo of the student on the card as well as details of the school attended, class level, school enrolment number and date of birth. Students are able to use them as proof of age and identity and they give access to a range of student discounts at shops, public transport, movies etc. We encourage our local shops to ask for the cards as proof of age if young people request to purchase age restricted items.

These cards will be purely optional. We are yet to be informed of the cost but last year it was \$7.00. All students will be photographed but only those who choose to have a card will have to pay. We will also use the photos for our files.

Contact details – addresses and phone numbers

It is important we have accurate details of family contact details for emergency purposes. If you have changed any details since this time last year could you please let us know. We would also really appreciate cell phone numbers and email addresses if you use them. Later in the term we will send out contact lists with the information we hold so you can check it.

Please email or phone Robyn Collins rcollins@bluemountain.school.nz

Uniform

We have already had some unnamed uniform items found and handed in. Please ensure that all items are named.

If any parents require information regarding the correct school uniform could they please contact the College office and we can give you this information. Some uniform items currently being worn do not comply with our regulations, eg school shoes (not sandals) should not have buckles.

Kilts – if you need to order a Kilt from Helean's Kilt Makers for Term 2 this should be done as soon as possible as they require up to eight weeks for delivery. Order forms are available from the College office.

The PE Tops and School Jackets are available from the School Office and are actually slightly cheaper than previously:

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| ➤ PE Tops – All Sizes (12- XXL) | \$35 |
| ➤ School Jackets | \$95 |

School Blazers are available to Senior Students (Year 11-13) and can be ordered from the College office. If you are interested in purchasing a blazer (cost \$200) please contact the College office.

SPORTS UNIFORM

Of late it has been noticeable that quite a few students are not wearing the correct shorts for PE and Friday sports. The student handbook states that the correct uniform is

Girls

- **BMC style Polo shirts available from College office**
- **Plain black or navy blue shorts above the knee**
- **White sports socks or College rugby socks**
- **Suitable footwear**
- **Swimming togs - suitable one-piece (no T-shirts)**

Boys

- **BMC style Polo shirts available from College office**
- **Plain black or navy blue shorts**
- **White sports socks or College rugby socks**
- **Suitable footwear**
- **Swimming togs**

Students need to wear plain black or blue shorts. League shorts that have emblems on them or have more than one colour are not to be worn. Also any other colours other than blue or black are not acceptable. Students need to provide a note if they do not have the correct uniform and explain why they do not have the correct uniform.

Start of School day

Reminder – ALL students are required to be at school and in their Form Rooms at 8.55 am every morning. If your child is ill and will not be at school please ring the office and inform them of this before 9.30am (you can leave a message prior to 8.30 am).

Board of Trustees Members

Our Board of Trustees members are:

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| ➤ Bill McCall | Chairperson |
| ➤ Tony Livingston | Parent Representative |
| ➤ Nicki MacKenzie | Parent Representative |
| ➤ Kathryn Tomsett | Parent Representative |
| ➤ Paul Nicol | Parent Representative |
| ➤ Liz Murray | Staff Representative |
| ➤ Rachael Corlett | Student Representative |
| ➤ Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan | Principal |
| ➤ Robyn Collins | Secretary |



School Production 'Back to the 80's'

Work is under way for this 2011 cultural event. Rehearsals are out of school time and look like being a Tuesday and Thursday night with Sunday rehearsals from week 3- Sunday Feb 20th from 3-6pm or 4-7pm. There will be a rehearsal schedule and a student contract out soon and we will work around what we can for all. This production is for year 10 and above. I thank parents in advance for their support in getting their students to rehearsals on time.

It will be staged on

Wed. 6th April

Thurs. 7th April

Fri. 8th April.

There will be 3 dress rehearsals leading up to those show dates:

Sunday 3rd April 2pm -6pm,

Monday 4th April 4pm - 8pm

Tuesday 5th April - all day

We would appreciate if parents could avoid booking appointments etc for any students involved during that week.

The lead roles were given out late last year and I congratulate all of them in putting themselves forward.

Vicki Crawford
HOD The Arts

Duke of Ed Programme – Contact Person: Mrs Crawford

Books at each level are now \$25. Forms can be obtained from the office. This is a very worthwhile scheme for your student to be involved in and the awards look great on your C.V. Families already involved in the Duke of Ed programme need to continue to support their students to get each section signed off as completed and to complete their tramps at each level.

Bus Routes

Maps of the bus routes have been added to our website for your information.

Enquiries to:

BMC Bus Co-ordinator – Garry Moody

Bus Controller- Jane Stewart -Tapanui Primary School Ph 2048614

Ritchies, Gore – Robin Stevenson Ph 03 208 9902 Cell 0275 369 680

Check out our website for a current list of Bus Drivers

www.bluemountain.school.nz

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS – for direct credit payments

Please note: If you are making payment by direct credit please email the payment details to the school office. Thanks

School Fees – if you would like to arrange to pay these off with regular automatic payments weekly/fortnightly/monthly – please contact Mrs Hanna

**Email: admin@bluemountain.school.nz
rcollins@bluemountain.school.nz**

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| Name of Account | Blue Mountain College Board of Trustees |
| Bank: | Westpac |
| Branch: | Gore |
| Account No: | 03- 0915- 0342164- 00 |

This newsletter and further information about our school can be found on our school website

www.bluemountain.school.nz

Thank You Cash for School Programme - Affco NZ Limited

A very special thank you to the family that supplied bobby calves to this programme for the school last year. Your support is very much appreciated.

If you would like to join the programme please contact the school for more information or see all of the information on the flyer attached to the newsletter.

AFFCO "Cash for Schools"

AFFCO is currently promoting their "Cash for Schools" programme. This scheme was a great success last year with over \$80,000 given out to rural New Zealand schools.

If you supply your bobby calves to AFFCO we would like to encourage you to sign up for this programme. When you register with AFFCO just nominate BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE on the Bobby Calf Registration/Status Declaration form on their website www.affco.co.nz click on Livestock then Bobby Calf Supplier Information

Meadow Fresh and New World Win \$2000 for your school

For more details and to register go to

www.meadowfreshdaisies.co.nz

Future Events

School-based HPV programme 2011

All girls enrolled in years 8 to 13 can participate in the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations at school this year. The vaccine offers protection against the viruses which cause most cervical cancers.

The series of three vaccinations is offered free of charge, and delivered by nurses from Public Health South. The vaccines are also available through your GP practice.

School years 9 and 10:

Many of these students had the vaccinations at school last year. If your daughter did not receive the HPV vaccinations last year, she will be offered a consent form to take home. If you do not receive a form, please phone one of the numbers below.

School years 8, 11, 12, 13:

Your daughter will receive a consent form to take home. Note that girls 16 years of age or older can self-consent to the vaccinations.

Please fill in the consent form and return it to school ASAP. It is important to do this even if you do not consent for your daughter to participate in the programme.

For any further information please contact:

Karen Nielsen

HPV school-based co-ordinator

03) 476 9838

Victoria Bryant

Public Health Nursing manager

03) 476 9880/ 0800 769 880

For more information on HPV please see: www.moh.govt.nz

Community Notices

Women's Cycle Group

Meeting at Heriot Community Centre

Tuesdays at 9am

&

Tuesdays at 5.30pm (if enough interest)

Enquiries to Pip 2042154 or Sonia 2042134

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To All Eastern Southland Schools

We would like to invite you to come and use this great facility. It is situated at the Multi Sports Complex on Wayland St Gore

It is an excellent surface for many sports, not only hockey. It is available any day from 9am to 3pm for school sports activities.

Even though it is a top rated water surface it does not require watering for all activities so you don't have any worries about watering the turf. Just arrive and play.

BOOKING CONTACT

Margaret Dickie - ph 203 7079 / 027 4369672

e-mail dickierm@xtra.co.nz

The turf can be booked by full or half turf and for as little as a ½ hour block

COSTS

Full Turf - \$30 / hour

Half Turf - \$15 / hour

COACH

We have a coach – Colleen Morton, who is willing to come and assist with sessions but she requires a week's notice to organise her work.

Colleens details – ph 208 6308

russcoll@callsouth.net.nz



KEYS

Keys to the turf are available at the front desk at the swimming pool. One of the keys is a key to the pavilion in which there are toilets available but we ask that children don't have free run of inside the pavilion as there is some expensive equipment inside.

FOOTWEAR

It is important that the children wear gym shoes on the turf and that they are clean



STICKS

There are some sticks available at the turf in a drum in the side porch.

There are no balls there at present.

ANY QUERIES

Please contact me for any hockey related queries you have – maybe you have new students who want to play club hockey and are not sure who to contact -

Margaret Dickie – ph 203 7079 / 027 4369672 e-mail dickierm@xtra.co.nz

We are look forward to hearing from you.

