



Blue Mountain College

Newsletter

Term 2, July 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This has been a very busy time with a number of causes for celebration, many of which are detailed in the Student Achievements section but I will highlight a small selection of these for you.

Winter sports are in full swing and students are involved in a number of secondary school as well as wider local competitions. Many individuals are involved in more than one code and it is heartening to see so many parents/caregivers on the sidelines supporting the great work being done by our volunteer coaches and managers.

Year 7&8 Student Council representatives Angus Simmers, Stella Keown, Anna Power and Amy Kelly had the opportunity to attend a Young Leaders' Day in Dunedin on 30 May. A number of our Year 7&8 students gained top 5 placings in the Eastern Primary Schools' Cross Country on 31 May and six of them qualified for Southland.

The year 9 students designed and prepared recipes in their Food Technology classes for a Hamburger Competition on 1 June. An intrepid panel of staff judged the entries on the day and prizes were awarded.

A talented group of Year 9&10 athletes competed in the Otago Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships at Wingatui on 3 June and Year 13 student James Rea made the most of the expertise available during the New Zealander Song Writing Competition to attend a composition workshop in Gore the same day.

A small group of our students combined with those from Roxburgh Area School on a Supported Learning Field Trip to Invercargill on 3 June. Our Year 10 Science students had a mini field trip to explore some Physics concepts the same day.



Kate Crawford of Year 10 topped New Zealand in her Regional Netball Umpiring Theory Examination recently with a score of 100%.



A number of our students and two of our staff were involved in the Gold Guitars' Competitions over Queen's Birthday Weekend. Year 7 student Molly Johnson received a Highly Commended for her singing.

Year 13 student Samantha Ross planned, budgeted and prepared a sumptuous formal three course dinner for over 50 people on 10 June. She was ably supported by fellow Year 13 student Karen Chavez Atencia who helped with food preparation, decorating the venue in the blue and green theme representing Blue Mountain College, and table service. Year 12 students Louisa Edgar, Alex King, Amberley Kummer and Tyrone Broad were the wait staff for the evening and also carried out general hosting duties.



This project is part of the students' course work in Hospitality at Levels 3 and 2 respectively. Generous Year 13 student Maeve-Rua Kopa is not studying this subject, but came and helped with the dinner by way of supporting her peers. Under the expert guidance of Head of Technology Mrs Heather Turner, these students pulled off what was a huge logistical exercise by anyone's standards, and did so admirably. It was great to have the vast majority of the College staff and the Board members together for a very pleasant social occasion and reinforced our cohesion as a team on many levels. I would like to acknowledge the Board's contribution to this event.



Year 13 student Mariah Carey Broad represented the College at the Regional Nga Manu Korero competition in Dunedin on 10 June. She was entered in the Senior English section which required her to deliver a 6 minute prepared speech without the use of notes or cue cards and then give a 2 minute impromptu speech on a topic provided 5 minutes before going on stage. Mia won the impromptu section and then when the scores for the two aspects of the competition were combined she emerged as the overall winner. This is a wonderful achievement and one which our entire College Community is immensely proud of. Mia's win qualifies her to represent the region at the National Finals which are being held in Tauranga in September.

Yvonne van Baarle had wonderful success at her first Trampoline competition outside of Southland when she attended the South Island Championships in June. She was placed first in the South Island in the 13-14 years Synchronised Trampoline; fifth in the 11-12 years Individual Trampoline and sixth in the 11-12 years Double Mini Tramp. Congratulations on these impressive results Yvonne, all those hours of dedicated training have paid off handsomely.





Kids Lit Quiz

Our Year 7&8 Kids' Lit Quiz Team traveled to Wellington to compete in the National Finals of their competition on 15 June and returned home jubilant 3rd Prize Winners after a nerve racking tie-breaker. Arna Criglinton, Ned Ennion-Dickison, Hanna Harvey and Amy Tomsett represented the College with aplomb. They were coached and supported in Wellington by Mrs Gaylene McLay, Year 12 student Whina Pomana, Mairoa Pomana and Mr Athol Dickison. During their stay they were hosted by Deputy Prime Minister Mr Bill English at Parliament and took in some of the sights and sounds of Wellington including visiting Te Papa, Weta Workshop and the Carter Observatory. The team's prizes included \$200 and an impressive trophy.

A very large contingent of students traveled to Te Anau on 22 June to take part in a new Triangular Tournament involving Northern Southland College, Fiordland College and BMC, which our Sports' Coordinator Mrs Sue Stark had helped to organize. She was delighted with the way our students conducted themselves, commenting particularly on their punctuality and exceptional appearance. The fact that we won 16 out of the 18 games played was the icing on the cake.

The annual Work Day took place on 24 June with the specific target for the fundraising this year to build a covered trailer for use on school camps, sports trips and the like. Once again we are grateful for the great support given by the community. We will be interested to see the impact of the seasonal change, which was partially dictated by the Rugby World Cup and this will be part of our annual review, but at this stage we have received approximately \$3000 with a number of students yet to hand their money in.

A group of Year 10 students began a Gifted and Talented Drama programme with Mrs Trudy Anne Rowe on 27 June. An evening performance was held on the 6th July.

The Senior A and Development Teams attended the Otago Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament in Dunedin on 12-13 June. The whole school were treated to a quality concert performed by the Dunstan High School Choir and Jazz Band in the West Otago Community Centre Theatre on 14 June.

A group of Year 12 &13 students have been participating in a Toastmasters' Young Leaders' Speech-craft Course on Tuesday afternoons. A good number of Year 7&8 students took part in the ICAS Spelling Competition on 21 June.

The South Island Secondary Schools' Tournament has been moved from Christchurch to Nelson. This will have some impact on costings but is a relief in terms of health and safety. The SISS Year 9&10 Tournament is still scheduled to be held in Christchurch during the July holidays.

Performing Arts Festival

The Performing Arts Festival took place last Thursday and it was a fantastic day with every students being involved in at least two items and a record number of entries reflecting the depth and bereadth of cultural talent in the school.

We are very grateful for the assistance of Mark MacKenzie who gave up a whole day to judge all of the items. Mrs Dianne Erickson did a wonderful job in coordinating the whole event which was a huge logistical exercise. She was delighted with the support of the Year 13 students with delegations in this area.

This year for the first time we held the Pot-Pourri Concert in the West Otago Theatrical Society Theatre. This seemed to be well received by Mrs Erickson and her team, the performers and the audiences. We ran the concert over two nights and had full houses on both, which meant the students who were performing received wonderful feedback for their efforts. Thank you to all the parents/ caregivers and members of the community who supported this highly entertaining showcase of BMC talent.



Farewell to Alan Ritchie

It is with sadness that we farewell Mr Alan Ritchie at the end of the Term. Alan joined the staff of BMC in May 2004 as a teacher of Hard materials Technology (Woodwork) and Graphics. His level of expertise, extensive industry knowledge and ability to encourage students to produce high quality and often large scale construction projects has been highly valued by our school and its wider community. Alan has also been an active contributor to the wider life of the school, coordinating the annual Work Day, helping to lead Year 8 camps and using his outstanding photographic talents to document student successes in every activity imaginable.

Alan is an educator who is passionate about his subject and he is immensely proud of his students' achievements but he has decided the time has come to retire from teaching so that he can spend more time with his family and pursue some of his passions including photography and music.

We wish Alan every happiness in this next phase of his life and we hope we will be able to coax him back from time to time to continue his happy association with the collage.



Introducing Regan Pretorius and his family.

We received 10 applications for the teacher of Hard Materials and Graphics position. This was extremely heartening. An offer of appointment was made to Mr Regan Pretorius, a newly trained teacher who is currently resident in Dunedin.

Regan will begin work in the last week of this Term so that he can spend some time transitioning with Mr Ritchie before his departure.

**Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan
Principal**



Performing Arts Festival 2011





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Sports Reports

TRIANGULAR SPORTS EXCHANGE

On the 22nd June 92 students travelled down to Te Anau to play our first Triangular Sports Exchange between Fiordland and Northern Southland College.

Staff that attended were Anna Pennicott, Janine Venz, Liz Murray, Pete Davies, Kathryn Harvey, Sue Stark and Jim Erridge (Bus Driver).

Mr Easton, Mr Morris, Mr Simmers, Mr Pryde, Mrs Weller and Mrs Heffernan also came down to Te Anau to Coach their teams.

This new Exchange was a huge success with BMC winning 16 out of 18 games.

Results as follows –

Netball

B Team Coach Anna Pennicott

Leah Purchase, Sarah Purchase, Destiny Paikea, Caycee Cormack, Rachel Hay, Tessa Livingston, Mariah Carey Broad, Cassie Crawford, Maeva-Rua Kopa, Courtney Sanne

These girls played NSC first at 12.45pm winning 22-14 then again at 2.15pm with a win 28-13 against Fiordland College.

Development Team Coach Janine Venz

April O'Leary, Tash Johnston, Zoe Hancox, Sarah McKee, Krystina Trewby Gunn, Megan McCall, Brooke Woodrow, Rhiann Knowles, Jordyn Ritchie

The first game at 12 o'clock was up against NSC which our girls were very dominant winning easily 37-2. The second game was at 1.30pm against Fiordland College and our girls once again proved too strong winning 40-7.

Year 7/8 Team Coaches Vicky Weller/Annette Heffernan

Anna Power, Tamara Weller, Nikita Ritchie, Yvonne van Baarle, Brea Sim, Kate Heffernan, Georgia Heffernan, Sequoia Leatham, Molly Johnson

These girls were first up at 11.30am against NSC winning 39-8. Their second game at 1pm was a tough one against Fiordland College and they recorded a loss 25-28 to a determined opposition.

Basketball

Year 9/10 Boys Basketball

Ryan Duff, Ryan Bradley, Luc Purser, Mason Calder, Cameron Peat, McHenry Pinlac First game was set down for 1.30pm against Northern Southland College with BMC gaining the win 46-30. Their second game was at 2.15pm against Fiordland and was a much closer game with our boys also winning 52-42.

Year 7/8 Boys Basketball Coaches Andrew Morris/Jeffrey Simmers

Angus Simmers, Ben Morris, Jackson Kelly, Zach McKenzie, Taine Rarere, Sean Duff, Ben Rea, Ned Ennion-Dickison, Mitchell Pryde Arriving in the 38 seater at 10.30am the first game was to start at 10.45 however Northern Southland College were 30 minutes late so we were ahead of time. The boys easily beat NSC 32-9 then came up against Fiorland again winning easily 40-30. They then came down to Fiordland College to watch the other teams.

Rugby

Year 7/8

Coach Tony Pryde

Ben Morris, Angus Simmers, Ethan Jane, Mitchell Pryde, Taine Rarere, Siobhan Evans, Adam Campbell, Fergus Bishop, Zach McKenzie, Daniel Batt, Sean Duff, Josh Hickman, Thomas Adam, Joseph Kummer, Jacob Beal Harris

These boys played NSC first up winning easily 29-5 followed at 1.30pm with the game against Fiordland College notching up their second win 35-5.

1st XV Rugby

Coach Pete Davies

Jared Stark, Tyrone Broad, Kendall Erickson, Mathew Varcoe, Adam McIvor, Tyson Adams, Garth Devereux, Jackson France, Elliot Hancox, Ethan Pryde, Gavin Stark, Lee Stiven, Dylan Jory, Richard Scoles, Sean Windle, Stephen Perry, Tom Blackmore (Lawrence)

These boys travelled through on the 38 seater bus to play their first game up against Fiordland College winning 22-5. The second game was played straight away against NSC and the boys struggled with fitness with an even score line 21 all at half time. Gavin Stark dominated the second half scoring 3 quick tries to finish with a win 38-21.

Soccer

Girls' Soccer

Coach Kathryn Harvey

Heide Roling, Gemma Townshend, Hannah Diamond, Charlotte Kerr, Alex King, Jessica Ross, Georgia MacKenzie, Bridget van Woerden, Rhiann Knowles, Michaela Blair, Nina Kopa, Mia Broad, Eveline Devereux, Maeva Rua Kopa The Girls' Soccer game was scheduled for 12.15pm against Fiordland College. The girls played well scoring 9 goals to Fiordland 0. The second game against NSC was without Rhiann who is a major contributor on the Soccer field. The girls struggled and were beaten by NSC 0-1.

Boys' Soccer

Coach Liz Murray/Matt Easton

James Rea, Jared Stark, Mitchell Hancox, McHenry Pinlac, Ryan Bradley, Nathan Sanne, Stefan Hickman, Zane Purser, Ben Rea, Cody Diamond, Garth Devereux, Mathew Easton, Junior Kopa, Sam Perkins, Luc Purser, Fraser Munro The first game for our boys was against Fiordland starting at 11.30am and the boys winning easily 12-0. The second game was at 1pm against NSC with our boys also winning easily 4-0.

Well done to all our students who conducted themselves well and were punctual to games and buses. They must also be applauded on their exceptional appearance. Special thanks to the Coaches who travelled down to Fiordland College and to the parents who were also at Fiordland to support the Blue Mountain College teams.



Wanaka Netball Tournament

On the 8th of May the BMC Development team traveled in cars to a tournament at Aspiring College in Wanaka. It reminded us of how lucky we are to have an indoor stadium in Gore when we were running round the outdoor netball courts during the warm up. We played 4 games with 3 very close fought battles.

However as Captain I made one mistake on this tournament I will never live down! "Blue Mountain 3 cheers for Mt Aspiring when I say hip you say ray..." I yelled running onto the court followed by a long pause and a line of laughing team mates. Since this day I have always been constantly reminded and never again have I forgotten to say "hip" when running onto the court.

Dunedin Netball Tournament

Half way through the year we played at the Edgar centre on the 12th to 13th of June in Dunedin. We travelled up in minivan, with our coach Mrs Venz driving. To our amazement Mrs Venz made it through the whole weekend without stalling the van, she even managed to overtake the A team twice on the motorway "GO MRZ VENZ GO!!!" We thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and all the challenges Dunedin threw at us. With some amazing coaching and some awesome effort and determination from the team we were able to win 2 games of the 2 days. We gained 9th in our grade because of the excellent work everyone did as they strived to do their best on court! Well done development girls.

The Christchurch earthquake with a magnitude 6.7 That hit at 2:20pm on the 13th of June left half of the stadium evacuated. This just added to our excitement for the day and further provided us with some experience ready for our next tournament in Christchurch later this year, with our shoots scoring a goal during the shake.

"I did my part for the team, I taught them to shoot in an earthquake!" Zoe said (due to shaking the goal post in our warm up).

Tash Johnson

School photos

Class, sport and cultural photos will be taken in week one of term 3, on Thursday, 4th August by Elizabeth Weir. Students are required to be in winter uniform. This gives students the opportunity to have their uniform in pristine condition, including clean shoes.

A list will be given out on Monday, August 1 outlining the gear required for sports photos.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Annie Chamberlain

Term Planner

July

5 & 6 July	Year 10 Drama Programme, Performance on the 6th - 7.30pm
11 – 15 July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
15 July	End of Term Two
31 July	Year 12-13 Snowboard trip begins

Student Achievements

Sporting

Netball

Kate Crawford gained 100% in her Netball Regional Umpiring Theory exam which was the top mark in NZ.

Rachel Corlett, Sinead Cormack and Sarah Purchase selected for Eastern U17 Netball Team

Kate Crawford, Tash Johnston, Mathilde van Baarle selected for Eastern U15A Netball Team

Sarah McKee, Grace Isted, Jordyn Ritchie selected for Eastern U15B Netball Team

Kate Heffernan, Georgia Heffernan, Stella Keown selected for Eastern Yr 7 Netball Team

Nikita Ritchie, Anna Power, Yvonne van Baarle and Tamara Weller selected for Eastern Yr 8 Netball Team

Netball Fundraiser

Canterbury sphere trackpants \$80

sizes start at xs.

Contact Janine or Barbara

Cross Country

Results from the Eastern Southland Primary Cross Country -

5th - Stella Keown 11 yr girls

2nd - Kaylee Roberts 12 yr girls

4th - Siobhan Evans 12 yr girls

1st - Anna Power – 1st 13 yr girls

4th Tamara Weller – 4th 13 yr girls

1st - Ben Morris – 1st – 12 yr boys

Results from the Southland Primary Cross Country:

3rd Ben Morris

4th Anna Power

8th Stella Keown

35th Siobhan Evans

40th Kaylee Roberts

Results from the Otago Secondary Schools Cross Country held at Wingatui:

Fraser Munro 22nd 12:10

Corey Thomson 41st 13:25

Cameron Peat 42nd 13:26

Michaela Blair 15th 13:31

Zoe Hancox 20th 13:53

Sarah McKee 40th 16:56

Rugby

Mitchell Pryde selected for Otago Country U14 Rugby Team

Shaun Hatrill selected for Eastern Southland U65kg Rugby Team

Basketball

Ryan Duff selected for Eastern A U15 Basketball Team

Sean Duff and Ben Rea selected for Eastern B U15 Basketball Team

Angus Simmers selected for the Eastern U13 B Team

Soccer

Kieran Wright was a member of the Demark Team which won its grade in the Special Olympics Mini World Cup of Soccer held at the Gore Multi Sports Stadium in early June

Trampoline

Yvonne van Baarle South Island Trampoline Champs First 13-14 yrs Synchronised Trampoline, 5th 11-12yrs Individual Trampoline, 6th 11-12yrs Double Mini Tramp

Cultural

Sinead O'Leary passed Grade 4 Theory Music Exam with Honours

Mariah Carey Broad won the Regional Manu Korero Senior Speech Competition and has qualified to represent the College at the National Finals in Tauranga in September 2011.

Taylah Dawson-Tait's ANZAC poster was selected for display at Defence House

Molly Johnson received a Highly Commended for her singing at the Gold Guitar Competitions

Academic

The members of the Kids' Lit Quiz Team were placed third in the National Final in Wellington

Heide Roling achieved an aggregate score of 7.5 (0-9 scale) on her IELTS tests

Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award

Gold Award Recipients

Congratulations to these past and present students who have had their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards confirmed and will have them presented at a prestigious ceremony in Dunedin on Saturday 17th September 2011.

Year 13 Students

Jared Stark

Caycee Cormak

Cassie Crawford

Rachel Hay

Courtney Sanne

Danae Bradley

Previous Students

Alice Crawford

Renee Tomsett

Kate Stiven

Anna Isted



Do you catch the bus?

One of our drivers has suggested that in the darker months of winter, students wear **reflective vision vests** while waiting to be picked up. This seems to be a positive safety measure that we would like to promote.



Farewell to Heide

Heide Roling from Dusseldorf in Germany has been living in Heriot with Mark van Baarle, Anneke Bootsma and their girls for the past 12 months. She leaves NZ for home on Friday 8th July.

Heide arrived here last July a very young, [15 years old] shy, nervous girl, alone and a long way from home. An only child, she lives with her parents and grandparents in a town near Dusseldorf, where her parents own and run an aluminium factory. She is the top obedience dog trainer in Europe but she left her beloved German Shepherd and her family behind to experience another culture and improve her English for a year.

Heide would be the first to tell you that the experience was hard but well worth it. There were many times when she thought she couldn't do it – she was desperately homesick – but she stuck at it and now says it was an awesome experience.

Things couldn't have been more different for her. She has learnt how a dairy farm operates, she has learnt how to live with 3 sisters, she has learnt how to ride a horse, she has learnt what her priorities in life really are and, best of all, she has learnt much about herself and how to make important decisions.

Heide made the most of her time here in NZ and going on 2 tours, she has seen the tourist highlights of both islands. She has taken every opportunity presented to her to participate in new experiences; snowboarding, skydiving, tramping.....

In her quiet way, Heide has endeared herself to many people here. She has made life-long friends and I am sure that we will see her back in NZ some time in the future.

Heide's Dad surprised her last week by turning up unexpectedly on the sideline when Heide was playing soccer in Invercargill for BMC. He now understands what she has endured and enjoyed in West Otago. In the coming years they can now reflect together on Heide's Year at BMC.

Our College Community wishes Heide well as she leaves her host family and all her friends to return for three more years of Secondary Education in Germany. Her high academic achievements here and her success with her International English examinations will serve her well for her future University study.

Year 10 Drama Extension

11 students worked for four days recently with Drama teacher Trudy-Anne Rowe, to create drama pieces based on their own life experiences. The three pieces were based on Fear, Family Issues and Driving causing Death.

They all held strong messages for the audience. The year 10's shared their work with the some junior students also as a forerunner to their evening performance. They worked incredibly hard which culminated in a performance for parents and friends. It was nothing short of amazing. They were supported on the night by the Year 13 Drama students who had choreographed a dramatic piece each, for 3 dancers. They were based on Janet Frame's short story, The Bath.

For Your Information

BMC Girls Rugby Horse Poo Raffle

Join us for the big event
this Saturday 10th July
3pm at the Tapanui Rugby Club

BBQ Food and refreshments available

Thanks to those who have already supported the raffle

\$10 for a 1 in 500 chance to win \$1000
if our horse deposits in your square

Be in to win - get your ticket now!!!



"They think they can make fuel from horse manure - Now, I don't know if your car will be able to get 30 miles to the gallon, but it's sure gonna put a stop to siphoning"
Billy Holliday

Sports Tour 2012 Fundraising Bingo Night

Just a reminder about the Bingo night on Tuesday 12th July
at the Town and Country Club - 7.30pm

To all BMC Tour Members

Please remember you need to supply a Prize to the value of \$10

If not attending, could you please drop them off at the school office before 12noon on the Tuesday of the Bingo night.

Thank you

**Menzies College Netball Club Camp
Mon 25th & Tuesday 26th July 2011
At Menzies College
Alma St
Wyndham**

All year 5, year 6, year 7 and year 8 netball players from Southland and beyond are invited to register for the Menzies College Netball Club Camp from Monday 25th to Tuesday 26th July 2011 at Menzies College, Alma St, Wyndham.

This is an overnight camp which will incorporate 7 coaching sessions designed to meet the needs of all Players from Year 5 – 8 and a Tournament to showcase skills learnt throughout the camp.

Cost is \$85.00 and registration is essential before Friday 24th June with payment to ensure you get a spot in our popular camp.

Camp programme begins at 9am on Monday 25th and finishes 4pm on Tuesday 26th July.

All food is provided along with player awards, a FREE camp t-shirt and other spot prizes.

Coaching will be provided by the Menzies College players and coaches, possible Southern Steel players and Netball Southland coaches.

Caregivers, supervision and chaperoning will be provided by Menzies College Netball Club parents.

For further queries please email the co-ordinator Irene Walker at james.irenewalker@xtra.co.nz or phone 032064483

**Childrens Holiday Drama Programme
with Trudy Rowe**

(sponsored by Community Trust of Southland)

Wednesday 27th July 2-4pm

(11 years and over)

Thursday 28th July

10.30am - 12 noon

(Children 6-10yrs)

Limited numbers

\$5 fee

Ph 2084 080

or email trulent@xtra.co.nz

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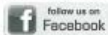
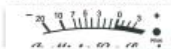
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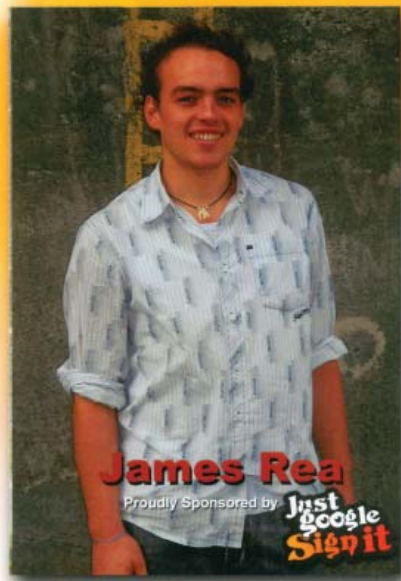
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MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL
DUNEDIN, JANUARY 9 – 28 2012

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Do you dream of performing professionally or just love the thrill and the buzz of being onstage? If you do, then this Theatre Summer School is an absolute must to help get you started on that path!

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Join us for 3 WEEKS of non-stop Acting, Singing and Dancing classes, rehearsals and performances with respected industry theatre professionals and tutors.

Perform the music that every performer loves to perform and that audiences love to watch! Make new friends and be a part of something challenging, exciting and above all... FUN!

Produced by CHRIS FENNESSY, this 2012 STAGE SPECTACULAR! featuring the music of GLEE follows on from the highly successful first Summer Theatre School production of HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL in 2009.

Young performers, singers and dancers from throughout Otago aged 8—18 years can apply.

We are looking for performers with energy and commitment, who come prepared and are focused on delivering their talents!

For more information and to apply for a place in the Summer School please visit www.stagespectacular.co.nz

SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO APPLY NOW!

Updating your Email contact details

Notification of Newsletters

We would like to be able to send you notification of newsletters by email. We believe this would be an efficient way of letting you know that a newsletter has been sent home with your student.

If you are happy for the school to notify you this way could you please send an email to me at the school?

rcollins@bmc.school.nz

In your email to me please confirm all of your details as listed below.

Student Name/s:

Parent/Caregiver Name & Address:

Email:

Cell phone:

Home Phone:

***NB: All newsletters are available on our website
www.bmc.school.nz***

Thanks

Robyn Collins

To view this newsletter in full colour and to see the schools
latest news - visit our website

www.bmc.school.nz

Parents of Senior Students Information Evening

We are arranging the following organisations to come and talk with senior students and their parents on the evening of

Tuesday 16 August 2011

at 7pm

in the College Library

Studylink which helps finance tertiary education through Student Allowance and Student Loans. On the evening they'll be providing full details on how to access funding, ways of keeping your child's debt as low as possible, and the easiest ways to apply for assistance

Westpac Bank

Louise Duffy will be covering "What's ahead? Things to think about and options for managing these from a banking perspective." She will also be touching briefly on students managing their bills (Automatic payment, direct debit etc) and other aspects they may need to consider upon moving out of home.

IRD

The IRD speaker will discuss repaying student loans etc.

Careers NZ

Expert staff from Careers NZ in Dunedin will facilitate a session on future pathways (this session could be useful to parents of Year 10 students and upwards)

This year this information evening will be preceded by careers workshops specifically catering for Maori and Pacifica students during the school day. Whanau are welcome to attend.

To make it worthwhile for these people to come and talk to us we need to guarantee numbers.

Any interested parents and students are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to the College Office as soon as possible.

At the start of next term we will also send a reminder note home with Year 12 and in particular Year 13 students.

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Senior Student Information Evening on the 16th August

I/We would like to attend the information evening

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Signed: _____

I would like to attend the Maori /Pacifica workshop _____

Number attending: _____

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 9 /10 Students

School Start for 2012

We are presently doing a survey to help us make a decision on the 2012 school starting date and would value your input.

The Ministry require us to start between Monday 30 January (at the earliest); and Tuesday 7 February (at the latest).

It is important to note that Waitangi Day falls on Monday 6 February and is a national holiday.

On deciding the start date for 2012 we will consider the results of this survey and other factors such as contributing schools' starting dates (although these may vary) and other mitigating factors such as school bus arrangements.

Please take the time to respond with your preference if you have one and return to the school office by Friday 15 July.

Thank you
Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan
Principal

2012 School Start Date Survey

Please circle below your preferred starting date:

Monday, 30 January

Tuesday, 31 January

Wednesday, 1 February

Thursday, 2 February

Friday, 3 February

Tuesday, 7 February

Please feel free to add your comments/suggestions:

Parent/Caregiver Name _____

Signature _____