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# Balmoral Intermediate Newsletter

## Te Kura o te Roto a Rangi

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PRIMARY + INTERMEDIATE

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### Vision

*To value diversity and to develop curious, confident and connected learners.*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Intermediate Dates to Diary

<b>Bookings for Conferences Open</b>	<b>Monday 17 June 12.00pm</b>
<b>CZ Boys Hockey</b>	<b>Monday 17 June</b>
<b>BoT Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 19 June 7.30pm</b>
<b>Cook Island Samoan Language Evening</b>	<b>Wednesday 19 June 6.30pm</b>
<b>Chocolate Money Returned</b>	<b>Friday 21 June 9am</b>
<b>CZ Girls Hockey</b>	<b>Monday 24 June</b>
<b>Reports Go Live</b>	<b>Monday 24 June 3.00pm</b>
<b>Student Led Conferences</b>	<b>Wednesday 26 June 3.15 - 6.00pm</b>
<b>Student Led Conferences</b>	<b>Thursday 27 June 1.00 - 7.00pm</b>
<b>Term 2 Ends</b>	<b>Friday 5 July</b>
<b>Term 3 Begins</b>	<b>Monday 22 July</b>

### Student Conferences

**Wednesday 26 June, 3pm – 6pm Thursday 27 June, 1pm – 7pm**

**NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12:30PM ON Thursday 27 June**

Please check the calendar on our school website ([www.balmoral.school.nz](http://www.balmoral.school.nz)) for up-to-date events and times.

### Intermediate Whanau Blogs

<b>Turanga</b>	<a href="http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/">http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/</a>
<b>Aparangi</b>	<a href="https://aparangibalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/">https://aparangibalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/</a>

**Canteen Days: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday only**

# Tena koutou e te whanau, he mihi nui kia koutou katoa

## Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers

Our school has been using 'play' in our Inquiry for a long time to enable teachers to develop a curriculum that engages children. Unfortunately, in today's world the word 'play' conjures up thoughts of being less important than the more structured activities that some individuals believe will support a child's education.

Through play children are developing their thinking in a way that naturally captures their attention and focus. Support for this type of learning is gaining momentum with Universities like Cambridge establishing a research unit entirely dedicated to this.

Marcus Veerman, (CEO and Founder at Playground Ideas) argues that this recent devaluation of play is something to be extremely wary of, believing, 'The removal of play in children's lives is something that we should all be very concerned about, as I think it's one of the key drivers of the rising levels of depression and anxiety that we see in childhood.'

I believe that as our education systems have become more standardised and more and more results-based it has put additional pressure on learning. Measuring children's learning by short term goals has further compounded these pressures. For example we have schools and parents asking the question "Has my child met a reading level over the last 5 or even 10 weeks?". Sometimes if we only focus on these short term goals we can often lose sight of the end goal of 'curious, confident and connected learners.'

Most educational studies use standardised test scores to measure effectiveness. Importantly we need to realise there are also alternative outcomes that matter, such as personal qualities, mental health and an individual's motivation.

I recently read an [article](#) by Yong Zhao who wrote about the risks of interventions in education. He compared research in education to medicine research where in medicine if you intervene you have to outline the risks. However in education we never tell parents or children of these risks or unintended consequences. For example if we implement a new programme to raise reading achievement at age 7 we might raise all the intervention groups' reading age quickly, but by their late teens, eight out of ten of those students are no longer reading for enjoyment.

According to Manu Kapur (Educational Psychologist) "unproductive success" is intervention that "may maximize performance in the shorter term without maximizing learning in the longer term."

We are told that direct instruction is the best way to teach and some countries have built their entire education system around this method. However, we know that direct instruction is very efficient and effective in teaching targeted knowledge, but inhibits curiosity and creativity. It is also possible for students to show high performance on memory tasks (multi choice questions) without a real understanding of what it is that they are doing.

These debates around education are things which preoccupy our thoughts as educators as we go about our daily routines. Education, teaching and learning is a complex process and the more we know, the more questions we have.

Maybe in the future if researchers disclosed the risks of implementing an intervention or programme, politicians would be better able to understand the policy implications and the public the programme interventions.

**Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)**

**Naku noa**

**Malcolm Milner**

**Principal (Te Tumuaki)**

## Student Conferences

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On Wednesday 26 June conferences will start at 3.15pm and continue through until the final interview at 5.45pm. Please bring your child with you and their report.

On Thursday 27 June, **school will close at 12.30pm**. Please arrange to collect your child from school at this time. Conferences with teachers will begin at 1.00pm and the final interview for the day will be scheduled for 6.45pm.

The sKids after school programme will be operating from 12.30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June for parents who would like to book their children in. Please phone the sKids team on 021 975 632 or email [balmoral@skids.co.nz](mailto:balmoral@skids.co.nz) to book your child's place for the first part of the afternoon.

Further information about how you can book these conferences will come out on Monday and bookings will be available from 12pm on Monday 17 June.

From time to time you may want to talk to your child's teacher without them being present. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

### Booking your interviews from 12:01pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June:

Go to [parentinterviews.co.nz](http://parentinterviews.co.nz), enter the event code **UJSGJZKP** and click Go.

1. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
2. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
3. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
4. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

## School Reports

The teachers have spent the last few weeks writing individual reports on the pupils in their classes. These reports will help form the basis of the conferences to be held on Wednesday and Thursday so please bring them with you.

Reports will be available through the school portal (<https://parent.musac.school.nz>) from Monday 24 June at 12.00pm. To log on you must use the same email address the school holds for you.

## Board of Trustees Elections

Congratulations to our new Board of Trustees who begin their 3 year tenure today.

Sonya Singh  
Scott Elwarth  
Hayley Kirk-Smith  
Sarah Jack  
Kyle MacDonald  
Daniel Allen (Staff Representative)



Thanks also to the other candidates who were unsuccessful but also willing to put their name forward for election.

The first meeting of the new Board will be on Tuesday night where they will vote for office holders.

### The Build

Southbase is making progress on the build and we have been informed that they are slightly behind schedule due to additional asbestos having to be removed. The Ministry and our school are working with the construction team to ensure that deadlines are met.

The gymnasium changing sheds have had the block walls completed. Concrete footings for the gymnasium have been poured and next week we hope to have the concrete floor poured. As you can see in the photos of the cut out for the new intermediate block the construction crew have moved a large amount of soil and the retaining piles are now exposed.



### Samoa and Cook Island Celebration Night Wednesday 19 June 6.30pm



## Measles

Measles are spreading throughout Auckland and Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) is asking schools to prepare for possible measles cases. They are asking us to do everything we can to lessen the impact of measles in our community.

The most effective way is to ensure as many students as possible are up to date with their MMR vaccinations.

Evidence of immunity may help avoid disruption in the event of a confirmed measles case. If there is a case, children without proof of immunity may need to stay away from school for several days while Health Authorities track down their immunisation records or get a blood serology test.

Yesterday we wrote to all parents of children where we have incomplete records. If you receive this letter please contact the school office immediately and inform us if your child's immunisation status.

### Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Measles info at: [arphs.health.nz/measles](http://arphs.health.nz/measles)

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

**Symptoms:** cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service  
Whangape, Hauraki and Tairāwhiti  




## Matariki

When Matariki disappeared in May, it was recognised as a time to store and preserve crops for the coming winter. When the whetū (stars) reappeared our ancestors used their understanding of Matariki to predict the success of the season ahead. Clear bright stars were seen as a good omen.

This morning we held our annual Matariki Celebration. We shared waiata, karakia and kōrero from our school Kapa Haka. After a little star gazing, we shared some lovely warm kai.

Thanks to everyone for playing their part in this morning's celebration.



## School Communication

### BEEP IS HERE

Our school is always wanting to improve communication to parents. We are also continually looking to reduce costs. We can reduce unnecessary costs for texts (SMS) if our community moves to more efficient technology.

Beep's mobile app delivers our schools communications via data and email, ensuring that all your important messages get through.

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## North Island Intermediate Snow Sports Champs

### Monday 26th August - Thursday 29th August 2019 at Whakapapa Skifield

We are planning to enter two Balmoral teams of 3-5 each – a boys team and a girls team. Please be aware of the requirements to attend and compete.

Kids will need:

- To be able to ski! Not be the best but be competent
- A skiing /snowboarding adult attending and actively involved for the time – and willing to contribute as course assistance
- Transport to and from the ski field - Sunday through to Friday
- Entry fee for the event - estimate \$100 per child
- Costs for accommodation and food for the 4 nights - to be confirmed - estimated \$500 per child
- You and your child have a valid life pass/season pass or purchase a special North Island Ski Championship pass (covering the event) approx. \$90 each
- A sense of fun, adventure and willingness to make this a great event for our kids

Please register your interest – on a first come first served basis - with Julie O'Toole

[mckchit@gmail.com](mailto:mckchit@gmail.com) or Jo Somerville [somervillecrew@gmail.com](mailto:somervillecrew@gmail.com) - professional parents not professional skiers!

If we are oversubscribed, and you have capacity, there may be the option to step into a manager role for any additional team. Be aware that, whilst the school supports us attending this event, they play no further role than this and the event is parent led.

## Orienteering News

There's been a lot of **Orienteering** action with Balmoral representing at the **Intermediate Central Zone** event, **Interzone Final** and the **Auckland Secondary Schools Sprint Final, Individual** and **Relay** events!

At the Central Zones, held at Waatarua Reserve, our Year 7 Girls and Year 8 Boys teams qualified for the Interzone Final, and Ella Somerville won her course and qualified in the Individual category. Interzones were held at Moire Park, and saw the Year 8 Boys come 4th, the Year 7 Girls 13th and Ella come 2nd on her course. Congratulations Ella!

After a 5-race qualifying series, Matthew Greenwood and Felix McElwee qualified for the Auckland Secondary Schools Sprint Orienteering Finals in Year 7/8. In the 2-race final Felix finished 4th and Matthew extended his lead from the morning race and took the overall title. Well done Matthew!

The Auckland Secondary Schools Individual Champs were held in the pine forest at Waiuku, a different navigational challenge to the urban events. Place getters were Ollie Gladding 2nd in the Year 7/8 Standard grade and Matthew Greenwood 1st and Felix McElwee 3rd in the Year 7/8 Championship grade. Well done all!

The AKSS Relay Champs were held at Ambury Farm Park, and saw the Year 8 boys finish 2nd, the Year 8 girls 5th and our mixed team 21st - great results!

Balmoral will be sending a team of 4 down to Hawkes Bay for the North Island Secondary School Champs in July. We wish them well.



## News from Room AR

### rOoM aR cLaSs GeOmEtRy DaNcE

At assembly, Room AR performed an INCREDIBLE dance to show what we have been learning in geometry. This dance took us one and a half weeks to choreograph and practise. There were loads of geometrical stuff in our dance such as straight, right, acute, obtuse, and reflex angles. Lots of shapes too! Like right angle triangle, isosceles triangles, irregular pentagons, parallelograms, octagons and trapeziums. We included symmetry such as translational, reflective and rotational symmetry and parallel and perpendicular lines. We found it helped us remember the vocabulary. There was so much more cool stuff in our dance.

**By Spencer**



# RVLTN Tour

On Thursday June 6, Balmoral School was lucky enough to have the Revolution Tour group come and talk to us on their tour around the country. The Revolution Tour is a group of people who go touring around, talking in schools about mental health and wellbeing.

They talked to us about many important life skills, all while keeping us laughing and having fun. They had performances with singing and dancing, and told stories that had lots of humour, but also a serious message about wellbeing, and how they believe that young people have the ability to change the world.

They were not only telling us about their beliefs, they proved it. Most of the performers doing singing and dancing, were not only extremely talented, but still in high school! They taught us about how to be a good friend, and find good friends, how to stay confident and to talk about your problems, how to be happy and help others be happy, all while keeping a smile on everyone's face.

These people were truly talented, and they inspired us to try and be the same, I hope they come again for future intermediates, because all the current intermediates had a blast.

### **Nate Mochrie Shire 6**

On the sixth of June the Revolution Tour visited Balmoral School. They performed and inspired us in many ways, explaining that simple acts of kindness can make someone's day. They explained that we can make the biggest changes.

Their singing and dancing performance taught us that even if you are underestimated because of your age, you can make a difference. With these encouraging words they motivated us to pursue our interests. No goal is too hard to achieve, no matter where you are in life.

Many of their speakers moved us, this includes Paula. He helped us to believe in ourselves. He helped us to realize that to be a good friend you don't have to be the best person or popular, you just have to be a good friend.

They shared personal stories and light hearted comedy. We loved laughing along, they had great audience involvement. The Revolution tour was an amazing experience that we were lucky to be a part of.

**By: Rubie, Misaki and Isabella of Shire 4**





**Chocolate Fundraiser  
Bars 4 Books**

**Money or Chocolates Returned by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Thanks to all the pupils and families who have sold chocolates and those who have chosen not to have chocolates but have made a donation. We are hoping to return a profit of at least \$15,000.

Could parents and pupils ensure that all money or chocolates are returned by next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This will help our volunteers enormously.



Thanks to our wonderful school community for supporting our fundraising efforts. We are really looking forward to handing over the money raised to help buy new books for our school library.

There are just three more opportunities to collect extra fundraising boxes:

- \* Friday 14th June at 3pm
- \* Tuesday 18th June at 3pm
- \* Wednesday 19th June from 8:15am -9am.

We will be at the back door to the school office as usual, or email Genevieve at [balmoralschoolchocolates@gmail.com](mailto:balmoralschoolchocolates@gmail.com) to arrange collection.

Don't forget that all money must be returned by Friday, 21st June to be eligible for the prize draw.

Payment can be made via bank transfer Balmoral PTA - Account number: 06-0145-0226748-00. Particulars: Chocolate. Code: (Student Name). Ref: (Student Room Number). Or place your cash in the envelope provided and return to the PTA Box at the school office.

**PRIZES!!**

Don't forget we have some awesome prizes we have up for grabs!

- \$100 Westfield voucher for the top Primary and Intermediate sellers.
- Spot prizes available for ANYONE who has sold a box of chocolates during the Term. Spot prizes include UE Wonderboom Speakers, Drone and Smart Health Tracker, plus a bonus Auckland Zoo Family Pass for the Primary school.

The prize draw will take place at assembly on Friday, 5th July.

# Community Notices



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## Holiday Programme

July 2019  
**SENIORS (8-13y)**

Short Day (Onsite) 8 am - 3 pm \$50  
Full Day (Onsite) 8 am - 6 pm \$60  
Premium Day (Onsite) 8 am - 6 pm \$65  
Trip Day 8 am - 6 pm \$70  
Special Trip Day 8 am - 6 pm \$80

Mon 8 July

**MOVIE: SPIDERMAN**  
Spider-Man must step up to take on new threats in a world that has changed forever...



Tue 9 July

**XTREME ENTERTAINMENT**  
10 pin bowling, laser tag and arcade games! Don't miss out on this epic day of fun!  
Some arcade tokens provided

Wed 10 July

**NERF & SPHERO**  
Combat-style NERF Wars and racing robotic balls through a maze! If you haven't already played with a Sphero, you're going to be hooked!



Thurs 11 July

**BLITZ**  
Verse your friends in games across PC, console & Virtual Reality and Blitz Gaming Lounge



Fri 12 July

**TOP TOWN**  
These challenges will test many of your skills...can you work as a team to come out victorious over your rivals?



Mon 15 July

**MOVIE: TOY STORY 4**  
When Forky joins Woody and the gang, a road trip with old & new Friends shows how big the world can be for a toy!



Tue 16 July

**BAKE SALE**  
We're raising money for Big Buddy! Find out how they support the community while getting your bake on!



**Big Buddy**

Wed 17 July

**MOSAICS & SOAP-MAKING**  
Create awesome mosaics and craft unique soaps to keep or give as a gift



Thurs 18 July

**ESCAPE MASTERS**  
REAL-LIFE ESCAPE GAME  
We need your help to escape! Which team will get out the fastest?!



Fri 19 July

**Skateland**  
ROLLER SKATING & SPORTS RINK  
Strap on your skates and get ready to roll! Who will be fastest around the rink?



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