Balmacewen Interchange

The weather forecast for the annual Balmacewen / JMC interchange was not good. Luckily the predicted snow held off and all games went on as scheduled apart from a ground transfer which saw the rugby match played at Bishops court. This ground transfer made it difficult to have a full after match function as Balmac felt they couldn’t get back to school in time for buses. This was disappointing as the speeches are a big part of an interchange. Despite this the interchange was a great success. Many long lasting friendship are formed at occasions like this. Match reports were as followes;

Football

Despite their best efforts, our football team was unable to contain a much faster and physically stronger Balmacewen side who put nine goals past our young side. The score line could have been even greater had it not been for the quick reactions of goalkeepers Anton Stoddard and Patrick Bezett. Our player of the day was Jonathan Brook, who showed a never give up attitude up front.

Rugby

Balmac won a very close and entertaining game 24 – 22. As the score reflects this was a great tussle with two differing game plans. Last year Balmac came very close to hitting triple figures so this was a major improvement from JMC. Coach Ron Bull was please with the way that the team stuck to the game plan. It was very hard to single out individuals as it was a team effort where all the boys played with determination and pride for their school.

Dom Morrison playing in his third code for the day, pulled off two try saving tackles. Max Wolf scored two tries and Cam Forde also had a big game.

Hockey

2 all was the final score when JMC meet Balmac on the hockey turf. JMC started slow and will regret not being more aggressive in the early stages of the game. Late in the game Balmac forced a corner and this could have been the difference between the two teams. The shot missed and the game finished all tied up at 2 all.

Basketball

7A JMC 35- Balmac 40

It was a close game with both teams taking the lead at different points. At half time JMC were up by 1.  The difference in the game was just after half time when Balmac got three quick baskets. From that point the game was even but we were unable to catch up those points

The team played well with some great touches from everyone. There was good shooting and a real commitment to get the ball with a number of boys diving on the ground to secure the loose ball. However on the day Balmac was the better team.

This is the third time we have played Balmac this year with JMC winning the two previous encounters.  Congratulations to Balmac and we look forward to meeting them in the Y7A grade final.

8A

JMC came up against a very strong Balmacewen year 8-basketball team. The final score was 94 – 28 but this didn’t reflect the competitiveness of the JMC side. It was a highly entertaining game played between two skilled sides. Dom Morrison scored the majority of our points, he had a huge work load both on attack and defence.

All in all JMC can be happy with their performance across codes against one of the strongest intermediate schools in Otago and Southland. We look forward to years exchange.

