



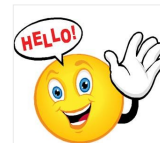
# Belfast School

care | share | learn | grow

## Newsletter

25 June  
2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers



This is the last Newsletter before the holidays. The last day for this term is Friday, 4 July and Term 3 commences on Monday, 21 July. We hope you all have a great holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed in the new term.

**Reminder - Learning Conferences for Years 4-8:** Learning Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 1 July and Thursday, 3 July. School will finish at **2.00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, 1 July** for the **whole school** so the Conferences can begin at 2.15 p.m. Conference. If you have yet to book your interview time please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) enter the school code **RRAP2** and click on go. Only 150 appointments out of 252 children have been booked, so if you have yet to make your booking can you please do so before 12 noon on Friday, 27 June as this is when the bookings will close. This is an important opportunity for you to engage and support your child's learning.

### Congratulations to:

- ⇒ The following children who participated in the Centrals Cross Country at Halswell Quarry on Wednesday, 18 June:  
**Y5 Girls:** Maia Simpson 45/120; **Y7 Girls:** Emma Kim 95/113; **Y8 Girls:** Casey Wilson 109/112  
**Y7 Boys:** Yngve Jordan 39/117; Zeke de Gouw 89/117; **Y8 Boys:** Joseph Chard 85/116; Thomas Pilkington 90/116; Zak Cummings 108/116
- ⇒ The **Year 4 Rugby team** who played Kaiapoi North School on Friday, 20 June. They had a great game and won 30-20.
- ⇒ **Zach Tavinor** who trialled and made the Under 48 Kgs Metro Rugby team. A superb effort, good luck for your games!

**Kaiapoi Schools Music Festival:** Congratulations to the School's Choir and Kapahaka group who performed with distinction at the Kaiapoi Schools Music Festival earlier this week. You are all amazing!

**Farewells:** It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Julie Baker from Room 5, we wish Julie all the very best in her new teaching position in Shanghai, China. Miss Sarah Vaughan from Room 10, is also leaving us at the end of term and will be travelling and teaching in Bangkok, Thailand. We look forward to hearing about their experiences.

**New Staff:** The Board have ratified the appointments of the following Teaching Staff; who will begin with us next term: Mrs Cara Taylor in Room 5; Mr Rod Newton in Room 10; and Mrs Jess Bond in Room 8 (starting Week 2). We welcome them to the Belfast family.

**Peter Simpson**  
**Principal**





**Easy Lunchbox Snacks:** Celery filled with peanut butter or cream cheese; you could also add raisins/sultanas/rice etc. It is best to slice into bite sized pieces. *Don't forget WFW - Wrapper Free Wednesdays!*



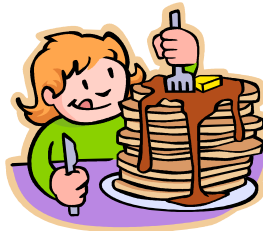
**Dental Care during the School Holidays:** The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service during the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, for the following times: Monday, 7 July to Friday, 11 July, and Monday, 14 July to Friday, 18 July.

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. To make an appointment for the emergency clinic please phone 0800 846 983.

**Robbie's Belfast:** Robbie's have supported Belfast School with our new playground by Sheldon Park. They have a great range of specials in their restaurant, some of which are: **Monday/Tuesday:** 2 for 1 meals from the lighter option menu; **Wednesday:** 2 for 1 Roast \$18.90 for 2!

**Thursday:** Kids dine FREE (meal only) with every Adult main meal purchased (conditions: 1 child - 1 adult) OR add \$6.00 for combo, (includes drink & activity bag).

**Sunday:** Kids dine FREE (meal only) - same conditions for Thursdays apply.



### House Colour Day!

Thursday, 26 June - Children can wear their **onesies or pyjamas!** The children will be going into their "House" group and participating in activities in the afternoon.



### Home & School Update

**Reminder - Ladies Night Out:** Thursday, 26 June. A few tickets are still available at \$10.00 each from the School Office.

Dear Parents/Caregivers;

It is the time in the term when I am having the pleasure of attending whole school assemblies to present awards to students who have been nominated to receive them. In the last notice that was in your April school newsletter I gave some examples of actual nominations received. Last term I had students who looked after neighbours' pets while neighbours were away on holiday, students who cleaned up streets & parks to keep their community tidy, students who handed in money that had been found on the way to school, students who found mobile phones & took them to their local Police Station, etc.

I am thrilled to welcome Waltham Primary School as the latest Junior Neighbourhood Support school. The schools in the programme with Waltham are: Addington, Bamford, Beckenham, Belfast, Halswell, Lyttelton, Parkview, Shirley, South New Brighton, & St Anne's Catholic Primary Schools. Please look at our website so that you can see what is happening - [www.nscanterbury.org.nz](http://www.nscanterbury.org.nz) & go onto the 'junior' section.

Take care, Andrea (Co-ordinator for Junior Neighbourhood Support in Christchurch)



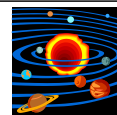
### Belfast Community Network - Calendar of Events

**Simply Lunch:** 12 noon-2pm Thursdays at the BCN Community Building by the pool at Sheldon Park. Gold coin donation. We encourage you to bring along food to share.

**Arts & Crafts Group:** Bring along your own materials. 10am-12 noon Thursdays at the BCN Community Building. \$4.00 for Hall and Coffee/Tea. For more information please phone 323 9731.



## Science Alive Visit!



In the past week Science Alive have been to Belfast School to talk to the Juniors and the New Entrants. In Room 8 they set up four different rotations. The rotations included painting dust galaxy's, learning how the moon got its craters, correctly ordering the planets and learning about the moon's phases. As well as the rotations the students also visited the Discovery Dome in the Hall. It was a huge dome that had the night sky lit inside of it. They learnt all about the stars' constellations and 'took a rocket to the planets'. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt heaps!



### Mercury

Mercury is a ball of iron, metal and rock. At night Mercury is colder than a fridge. Mercury is grey because it has dust on it. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. That is how it gets so hot. It takes 88 days to go around the sun.

*By Khylan, Asher, Troy and Riley Room 7*

### The Moon

The sun is big and in out of space. There are planets. The moon is cold and dusty. The sun's light reflects on the moon. The moon is cold and little.

*By Jesse Brunton-Pamment, Room 3*

### The Moon

The moon is our neighbour. Comets crash into it. It orbits earth. The moon is made of rock. People have been to the moon. The sun shines on the moon. It has no air and no water. The moon is dusty. It is part of the solar system. I want to go to the moon because I want to be on the dark part when it is not a full moon to see if it is really there.

*Jemma Currey, Room 4*



### Mars

You can see Mars without a telescope. Mars is the fourth planet from the sun. No person has gone to Mars yet. They are studying how people might live on Mars one day. Mars has a north pole and a south pole, just like Earth. Mars has two moons. Mars is cold all the time. Scientists are looking for signs of life on Mars. Mars' year is 687 Earth days. You would have to wear a space suit to breathe and stay warm on Mars. The Planets on our Solar System travel around the sun.

*Hayden Downes, Room 4*



## Spelling Bee!

A group of Year 5/6 students represented Belfast School at the 2014 Canterbury Spelling Quiz.

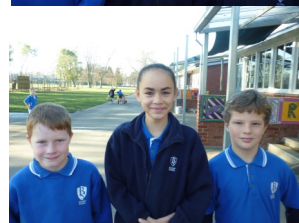
Team 1 scored 73/100: Cameron Tippet, Caitlyn Ford, Brianna Yerby.

Team 2 which scored 66/100: Josh Mason, Damian Wood, Maia Ormsby

"It was hard and challenging but a great experience!" Brianna Yerby

Thanks for a great effort and for representing Belfast School.

Reporters: Amy Middlemiss and Shanaya Wyatt







## Contact Details

700 Main North Road, Belfast

Phone: 03 323 8849

Fax: 03 323 7166

Email: [office@belfast.school.nz](mailto:office@belfast.school.nz)

[absences@belfast.school.nz](mailto:absences@belfast.school.nz)

[www.belfastschool.co.nz](http://www.belfastschool.co.nz)

### Principal

Peter Simpson

### Board of Trustees Chairperson

David Cunliffe

## Important Dates - June/July

Thurs. 26	House Colour Day (afternoon); children can wear onesies or pyjamas
Thurs. 26	"Ladies Night Out" 7.00 p.m.
Tues. 1	Learning Conferences Y4-8 <b>Whole School finishing at 2.00 p.m.</b>
Wed. 2	Celebration Assembly 2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 3	Learning Conferences Y4-8
Fri. 4	No Winter Sports; last day of Term 2
Mon. 21	Term 3 commences

## Belfast Stars

### Assembly - 16 June

- ★ Rm 1 Roy Wilson
- ★ Rm 2 Darion Fife
- ★ Rm 3 Jesse Brunton-Pamment
- ★ Rm 4 Isabella Goodsir
- ★ Rm 5 Ruby-May Maddock
- ★ Rm 6 Maddison Johnson
- ★ Rm 7 Georgia Swale
- ★ Rm 9 Taylor Cameron
- ★ Rm10 Junilla Abina
- ★ Rm11 Finn Byron
- ★ Rm12 Luca Cutelli
- ★ Rm13 Cooper Ronan
- ★ Rm14 Senituli Kavainutuu
- ★ Rm15 Maggie Crawford
- ★ Rm16 Alex Isherwood
- ★ Rm17 Cameron Tippet
- ★ Rm21 Hayden Cossar
- ★ Rm22 Jack Baker
- ★ Rm23 Ananya Parti

## Community Notices

**Papanui High School:** Year 9, 2015 Enrolments close on 1 August.

**Marching Canterbury:** Join us for the 2014/2015 marching season! No experience necessary - ages 5 and up. Phone Jo on 980 5001 or 027 2829280 or Email: [publicitymarchingcanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:publicitymarchingcanterbury@gmail.com)

**Adult & Community Education Department at Papanui High School:** We are taking enrolments for Term 3 Courses beginning the week of 28 July. For course information please phone the Office 352 0701 or visit the website [www.papanui.school.nz](http://www.papanui.school.nz)

**Impact Dance & Stage School** presents "Honk" a contemporary retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's The Ugly Duckling with a Joseph's Dreamcoat-esque score that young audiences will really enjoy! Wed. 9 & Thurs. 10 July, 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. at the Aurora Centre, Burnside High School, 151 Greers Road. Book online at [www.kidsfest.co.nz](http://www.kidsfest.co.nz) or at a CCC Service Centre. Children \$10.00, Adults \$15.00

**Air Force Museum Holiday Programme - "Flying through Colour":** Variety of crafts, art, Museum hunts, games and sports. Early bookings are essential, please contact the Public Programmes team on 343 9504 and visit our website for details, [www.airforcemuseum.co.nz](http://www.airforcemuseum.co.nz)

**Sport Canterbury Active Kids Holiday Programmes** are designed to provide opportunities for both fun and learning, through a variety of sports and activities in a safe, friendly environment. Visit our website for full details: [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz) or phone 373 5060

**Harlequin Players presents "The Little Mermaid"** 13, 19, 20 July 11am-12.15pm and 14, 15, 17, 18 July 6.30-7.45pm Tickets: Child \$8, Adult \$12. Bookings [www.kidsfest.co.nz](http://www.kidsfest.co.nz) Venue: Cashmere High School Hall

**Bouncy Castles for hire:** Prices range from \$150 to 200, no cancellation fees, indoor and outdoors. We deliver and pick up. Visit [www.go-jump.co.nz](http://www.go-jump.co.nz) to see the wonderful selection of castles. Contact Jeremy/Marie on 359 1956, 021 1884598, or 0508 465867.