



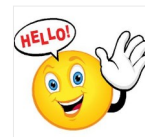
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Newsletter

3 December
2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers



Rotary Speech Results: Well done to our pupils who participated in the Rotary Speech Competition on Tuesday night, 25 November. Congratulations to:

Year 5: 3rd Amelia Botting; Year 6: 3rd Tegan Johnson;

Year 7: 3rd Zeke De Gouw; Year 8: 2nd Shanaya Wyatt.

Can you Please Help?

Last week one of our families had a fire at their home which caused substantial damage. If you would like to make a donation to assist this family please visit www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/firedestroyedhome by 20 December. Thank you. As a School we will also be holding a Mufti Day on Wednesday, 10 December with the proceeds going to the family.

Board of Trustees Update: I wish to advise that one of our long standing Board members, Steve Macdonald, has resigned due to pressures of work. Steve has been on the Board for seven years and his contributions will be missed. The Board has made the decision to appoint a new member to replace Steve. As required under Section 105 of the Education Act we advertised this vacancy in the Christchurch Star on 14 November 2014.

Join us for our **Celebration Assembly** on Monday, 8 December at 2.00 p.m. in the school Hall. The children will be presenting a summary of their Term 4 activities and learning. You will be advised if your child is going to be receiving a certificate prior to the event.

2015 Stationery Orders: A notice and stationery list was sent home with each child last week (except some of our new New Entrant children). Please have your orders/ payment into the school Office by Friday, 12 December.

School Accounts: If you have not paid your school account comprising of Activity fees, Swimming fees, Technology fees and school contribution, it would be very much appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible. There are plenty of activities and trips happening in the next few weeks.

Sheldon Park Pool Keys are now available for hire:

Pool keys are available for school/community families to purchase for the summer at a cost of \$85.00; this includes a \$20.00 deposit which is refundable on the return of your key by 31 March 2015. Keys are available from the school Office between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. daily (Mon. to Fri.) until 3.30 p.m. Tuesday, 16 December. An adult must purchase the key and sign the Key Holder's Agreement.





Congratulations to:

Hugh Fergusson Room 17 who has been selected to play in the Year 6 Canterbury Cricket Team. Well done Hugh and all the best for your games.

Jade McIntyre, Jimmy Hastings, Maia Ormsby, Aleesha Cummings, Emma Kim, Chloe Wooldridge, Georgia Nicolson, Bella Brown, Manaia Davis, Ha'ano Johansson, Lewis Arnett, Casey Wilson, Oliva McIntyre, Akaela Lucas, Zak Cummings, Zach Tavinor, Layla McDowall, Joseph Chard and Sean Geoghegan; all of these students are participating in the Canterbury Central Athletics at Ashburton today and we wish them every success.

Peter Simpson
Principal

Access to School Dental Services during the Christmas/New Year school holidays:



The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service for relief of pain only, and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available Mondays to Fridays, 5 to 30 January 2015
Hours 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

This service will operate by **appointment only** and if they 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 at the emergency clinic phone 0800 84 69 83.

Home & School News

⇒ **Home & School meeting tonight** at 7.00 p.m. in the Styx & Stones meeting room. This is the final meeting of the year! Happy Christmas to everyone and thank you for your support during the year.

Belfast Community Network News

Summer Fun at the Belfast (Sheldon) Pool: BCN will be running events at the pool from Monday, 5 January 2015.

Open Days for the Community: Fridays 9 to 30 January, 2-6 p.m. free activities like water walkers, slip n slide, bouncy castles, raft building and lots of food. Lifeguard on duty.

Youth Drop In: At the pool Fridays 9 to 30 January, 6-8 p.m. food, music and competitions. A lifeguard will be on duty each Friday.

Keyholders: There will be two events a week for keyholders between Monday and Thursday based on the weather. Check out billboardme: Belfast Pool; belfastcommunitynetwork on Facebook and your emails for updates of when we are opening and the activities planned. Phone BCN on 323 9731 for details.

Community Pancake Breakfast: Christmas morning from 8.00-9.30 a.m. at the BCN. Everyone welcome! This is a FREE BCN event for the community supported by Rotary Club. Phone 323 9731 if you want to help out with this event, any musicians are most welcome!



WHAT NOW, CLASSROOM GLADIATORS

On Friday 21st November, What Now came to Belfast School for Classroom Gladiators. Four lucky Seniors were chosen to participate, they were Emma Kim, Emmerson Chard, Teagan Johnson and Hugh Ferguson. It was very entertaining, but it looked very tiring. The tasks required teamwork, trust and agility. There was foam flying everywhere including on the very supportive Belfast crowd! Mrs Junghenn ended up in the gunge tank, eugh yuck! At the end it was the Gladiators versus the Teachers in a giant bubble game, the Gladiators won! We look forward to seeing Belfast School featuring on What Now early in the New Year when the programme returns after the summer break. GO BELFAST !!!!



On Thursday 20th November, the Kapa Haka put on an amazing performance for the local preschools. Afterwards they got into small groups and taught the wee ones some of the key actions, the girls focused on using the poi and the boys taught them some basic Haka moves. The morning concluded with some kai which was shared with our visitors. Well done to the kapa haka, we are very proud of you.





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Important Dates - December

Mon. 8	Celebration Assembly 2.00 p.m.
Tues. 9	LMS trip "Tough Kid Challenge"
Wed. 10	Mufti Day to support Belfast Family
Thurs. 11	Year 8 Graduation Dinner
Fri. 12	LMS trip Inflatable World NE trip Inflatable World JNR Fun Day at school
Mon. 15	End of Year Reports to be sent home
Tues. 16	Prize-giving Assemblies; last day of school for children Years 1-7

Belfast Stars

Term 4 - 01/12/2014

Rm 1	Sofiya Vernihor-Hay
Rm 2	Filip Mehedinti
Rm 3	Alex Zhou
Rm 4	Saraia Cameron
Rm 5	Connor Boyd
Rm 6	Jonathon Hatcher
Rm 7	Khylan Lucas
Rm 8	Erika Yu
Rm 9	Georgia Collins
Rm 10	Leo McDonald
Rm 11	Charlie Paku
Rm 12	Jordan Kirk
Rm 13	Stacey Stewart
Rm 14	Zach Spillane
Rm 15	Ella Brunton
Rm 16	Sophie Edwards
Rm 17	Trinity Mackley-Flutey
Rm 21	Tyler Ward
Rm 22	Tamara Haar
Rm 23	Mathew Donovan

Community Notices

Simply Lunch at The Belfast Community Network:

Thursdays 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. during school term. Come along for a sweet treat or something savoury, and of course a good chin wag. (Gold coin donation). For further information phone Donna 323-9731. BCN are located at 710 Main North Road, Sheldon Park behind the Bowling Club.

Alice & the White Rabbit in Wonderland play:

At Avebury House, Avebury Park, Eveleyn Couzins Avenue, Richmond, Christchurch. Sun. 11/01 11am & 2pm; Mon. 12 to Fri. 16/01 6pm; Sat. 17/01 11am & 2pm. \$8.00 per person or Family concession \$25 (2 adults & up to 3 children). Why not bring a picnic or come dressed as your favourite character. More info please call or txt 021 0431108.

Air Force Museum Holiday Programmes:

"Christmas Flight Mission" 15-19 Dec., activities include baking, making your own presents & Christmas decorations, summer sports & Santa's flight mission!

"Wigram's Inventors" 19-23 and 26-30 Jan., explore things that fly, glide & move, invent your own toys that zoom, explorations etc.

You can book half, full days or full week. Programmes are OSCAR endorsed; times 8.30am to 12.30pm (\$25) or 8.30am to 3pm (\$35). A full week is \$170.00. Bookings are essential, phone 343 9504 or visit website www.airforcemuseum.co.nz

Papanui High School - Nightclasses Term 1, 2015:

Enrolments for Term 1 will commence the week beginning 2/02/15. For course information please phone the Office 352 0701. Visit our website www.papanui.school.nz

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 to see the wonderful selection of castles. Contact Jeremy/Marie on 359 1956, 021 1884598, or 0508 465867.