



Belfast School

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Newsletter

25 February
2015

A very special welcome to our new pupils:

Reka Harvey, Jason Haig-Mataira-Kaiwai, Braydon Gardiner, Gabriella Szurpicka, Emily Szurpicka, Indy-Skyla Taituha, and Sanisha Beardsmore.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank You:

A warm thank you to those that were able to make the "Meet the Teacher" last Thursday night. Unfortunately the weather did not play its part in proceedings, but we were able to go ahead. For those of you who attended the evening and would like to give us feedback about our format, we would welcome it. Send any comments to principal@belfast.school.nz

Home Learning Expectations:

Over recent years there has been much debate around this topic and we as a school intend doing a review over "Home Learning" this year. In the meantime, here are the general expectations for this year:

You should expect your child most nights to do some:

- A. Reading
- B. Basic Facts learning
- C. Catch up work for any unfinished work during school time as directed by the class Teacher
- D. Click words for Years 1-3

Walk or Wheel Safely to School - 9-13 March: Information for Parents

Travel Choice

Our School is participating in the Christchurch City Council sponsored Walk and Wheel Safely to School Week, from 9 until 13 March 2015. 11 March has been designated the national Walk to Work Day. Regular physical exercise is immensely beneficial for children. An easy way to ensure that your child gets some of the 60 minutes of physical activity they require each day is for them to walk to and from school.



Most children attend a school within two kilometres of their home, and most children can walk one kilometre in 15 minutes. However, you may not live close enough to school for your child to walk all the way. So that they can participate in the Walk and Wheel Safely to School week we suggest you park about 10 minutes distance from school (around 700 metres) and walk with your child from there.

At the beginning of the Walk and Wheel Safely to School Week your child will receive a trip card, and each day they will receive stickers to record that day's walking, scooting or cycling achievements. The card contains some road safety tips for you to talk about with your child, and also an activity involving making a map of the route they need to take to walk safely to school. They may need your help to make this map.

Do you have a child turning 5 years of age this year? If you are unsure whether you have enrolled your child can you please contact Sally on 323 8849 to check. From our records we note that we have several families with children at school who have a child turning 5 but are yet to receive completed Enrolment forms. We look forward to hearing from you.

Reminder - On-line Access: This year we are moving more into communicating with you online. It is therefore **VERY** important that we have your current email address. If this has recently changed can you please let the school Office know or email principal@belfast.school.nz. However, if you do not have an email account or online access, can you also let us know as we will provide your child with paper copies of any communication, thank you.



ASB Children's Banking Programme: Remember to bring your **ASB school banking envelope** to school. Any spare coins will do. Registration pamphlets can be collected from the school Office. Encourage good savings habits from an early age. Once your child is registered they will receive an exciting banking pack.

Starship Mobile Phone Schools Campaign: Three good reasons to support this Campaign!

1. *Phones collected help raise funds to keep the Starship National Air Ambulance Service flying.*
2. *Phones collected are counted towards our schools chosen rewards from the Starship Mobile Phone Schools Campaign i.e. cameras, sports packs, ipads and book vouchers.*
3. *Campaign helps to ensure NZ landfills are free of an array of hazardous toxic substances.*



In just 5 years the Starship Mobile Phone Appeal has raised close to two and half million dollars to keep the Starship National Air Ambulance Service flying. Schools have participated by collecting unwanted mobile phones and swapping them for a wide range of rewards whilst at the same time raising funds for this worthy cause. We ask that each family in our school come on board and donate any unwanted old mobile phones. Please drop phones into the collection box in Room 2. Thanks for your support.

Peter Simpson
Principal

Home & School News:

- ♦ Reminder that a box of **Chocolates** is coming home with your child tomorrow, Thursday 26 February.
- ♦ The Annual General Meeting of the Home & School is being held on Wednesday, 11 March at 7.00 p.m. All Parents/Caregivers are most welcome to attend.

Junior Neighbourhood Support Newsletter:

Dear parents, caregivers & families, For those of you who are new to the school let me tell you about Junior Neighbourhood Support. Our aim is: 'To promote a sense of pride, safety and community spirit in children, their schools and their wider community'. The programme is part of Neighbourhood Support and it is called Junior Neighbourhood Support because it is for students aged 5 to 13 years. It is supported by the New Zealand Police, the New Zealand Fire Service & Civil Defence. It acknowledges students who are contributing to their school and community in a positive way.

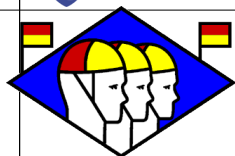
I am busy visiting classrooms and syndicate assemblies at this stage of the term talking about the programme. Later this term I will be attending whole school assemblies to appoint Junior Neighbourhood Support leaders and present awards to students who have been nominated to receive them. They can be nominated by you, extended family, staff in schools, neighbours and people in the community. Some of the award guidelines are: playing safely and fairly, helping neighbours, caring for the environment by keeping playgrounds parks and streets clean and tidy, doing voluntary work in the community, demonstrating honesty by taking keys or credit cards that have been found to the school office or the local Police Station, helping lost or injured animals, etc. Nomination forms are kept by the white letterbox by your school's library. You can also apply on line through our website www.nscanterbury.org.nz. Just click onto the junior section.

For the programme to be a success it needs the support of the students, families, school staff and members of the community.

Acknowledging positive behaviour is very exciting and rewarding.

Take care, *Andrea*. (co-ordinator for Junior Neighbourhood Support in Canterbury)





BEACH EDUCATION

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ...
'SWIM BETWEEN THE
FLAGS!'**

The whole school visited North Beach Surf Club where they learned all about sun safety, beach safety and the role of a life guard in the morning. They got to test out their new knowledge in the afternoon when they went body boarding in the sea and had fun doing relays and building sandcastles.

We asked some students some questions about their trip and this is what they said...

Cameron Wooldridge

Favourite Part? – Going in the water it was fun!!!

Olivia Bell

Worst Part? – When we were playing in the sand because the sand made me slower.

Amy Lidgett

What did you learn ? – How to look for rips and drifts.



**Senior
Camp
2015**

The Seniors stayed for two nights in Hanmer Springs. They did tree climbing, orienteering, bush skills, mountain biking and got to relax at the hot pools. After an exhausting day they got hot chocolate and biscuits before bedtime. It was a chance to mix and mingle and make new friends. We asked the Year 7/8s about their camp...

Lagan Edwards

What was your favourite part of camp?

-Going to the pools it was extraordinary.

Amy Harrison

What did you dislike about camp?

Orienteering, because we were 15 minutes early and we needed more time to explore.

Amy Harrison

What did you learn?

To secure your drink bottle well while mountain biking!

Ha'ano Johansson

What did you learn?

To not wear bright colours, it attracts bees.



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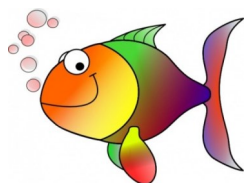
Important Dates - March

Thurs. 26 Feb.	H&S Chocolates home
Mon. 2 March	Assembly at 2.15 p.m.
Tues/Wed 3 & 4	Prefects Leadership Camp
Thurs. 5	Y5-8 Swimming Sports (pp 6/03) Years 7/8 Meet the Teacher 6.00 p.m.
Wed. 11	Newsletter
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Belfast Stars

Assembly 16 February

Rm 1	Anna-lee Batstone
Rm 2	Sebastian Strydom
Rm 3	Caitlyn Elkington
Rm 5	Hollie Abbot
Rm 6	Joshua Bray
Rm 7	Nathan Sawyer
Rm 8	Braeden Yu
Rm 9	Isabella Goodsir
Rm11	Ben Carson
Rm12	Junilla Abina
Rm13	Ariana Suisala
Rm14	Carlin Dilger
Rm15	at Beach Ed.
Rm16	at Beach Ed.
Rm17	Libby Smith
Rm21	Naomi Strydom
Rm22	Kurt Read
Rm23	Brae Stuart



Community Notices

STREETS CHILDREN'S DAY



Sunday 1st March 2015 - 10am - 3pm

Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event at Air Force Museum at Wigram. Entry to the Park is FREE and all 40 fun filled activities are FREE. Please bring your own drinking water. For more information contact 941 8999 or check the Be There website <http://bethere.co.nz/>

Belfast RFC Junior Rugby Registration Day 2015 - Sunday, 1 March 9.00 am to 3.00 pm:

The Junior Rugby seasons starts in April; Registration Day is for all Junior Grades from Under 6 to Under 18. Will be held at the Club rooms, March Place. Activities, refreshments and giveaways. For more information please email juniorbrc@gmail.com

Car Boot Sale - Saturday, 7 March 9am-1pm

Elim Church carpark, 801b-803 Main North Road. Real Steps fundraiser. For more info contact Karen Fraser 029 7777533.

Give Gold a Go at Junior Tiger Tournament: On Sunday 8 March at 8.30 am at Russley Golf Club. Register on line at www.juniortiger.co.nz or contact Rachel Thow at Canterbury Golf 359 4000.

Belfast Netball Club Registration info:

Register online at www.belfastnetball.co.nz

Trial dates: U13 Wed. 11 March at 5.30pm & Sun. 15 March at 10am. U11 & 12 Sat. 21 March at 10am. Future Ferns (Y4 & 5) will be contacted re team placements, please register online or at the Registration Day.

Marian College "Open Night": Thursday, 19 March 6.30-8.00 p.m. 122 Barbadoes Street. Visit www.mariancollege.school.nz for more info.

Merlins Netball: Registrations are now open. Games are on Saturdays and played at the Hagley Park netball courts. For more info visit www.merlinsnetballclub.co.nz