



# Belfast School

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## Newsletter

11 March  
2015

### A very special welcome to our new pupils

Evie Banks and Millie Johnson.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

#### Travel Choice



#### Walk or Wheel Safely to School - 9-13 March:

This week our School is participating in the Christchurch City Council sponsored Walk and Wheel Safely to School Week,. Today, 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.

#### Are you able to help us?

- ♦ We would like to invite any Parents or Whanau who would like to help tutor the Kapa haka group in either Waiata, Haka or Poi.
- ♦ We also need extra uniforms to be made for the Kapa haka group; we will supply material, cotton and pattern. We will require these new uniforms early in Term 2.
- ♦ If you are able to help with either of these requests can you please leave your name and contact phone numbers at the school Office. Thanks very much.



#### Congratulations to our 2015 Student Leaders:

##### **Prefects:**

Head Girl - Lagan Edwards  
Deputy Girl - Emma Kim  
Yasmin Sadlier, Logan Tozer,  
Porshia Ward

Head Boy - Zeke de Gouw  
Deputy Boy - Yngve Jordan  
Matthew Donovan, Harley Hewson, Ha'ano  
Johansson

##### **House Captains:**

**CARE** Captain - Bella Brown  
**SHARE** Captain - Alyssa Harris  
**LEARN** Captain - Amy Lidgett  
**GROW** Captain - Emmerson Chard

**Leadership Camp:** Last week our Prefects and House Captains attended a Leadership Camp at Te Ora Hau - the Papanui Youth Centre. They spent two days learning more about leadership and what makes a good leader. The course itself is based on the book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers" by Sean Covey. There were a lot of challenges and new experiences for our school leaders.

**Sheldon Park Pool Closure:** The School/Community Pool will officially close this Friday, 13 March. Return your keys (swipe cards) to the school Office (between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.) by Tuesday, 31 March to receive the refund of your \$20.00 deposit.

**School Uniform:** A reminder that we do have a compulsory uniform that the children must wear at school. There are quite a few variations being worn, in particular some children are not wearing any socks. Can you please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, thank you.



**Education Review Office:** During Week 8 (23-27 March) of this term we are being visited by the Education Review Office. We are to host two Reviewers for the week. This is part of the normal review cycle all schools receive.

**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](mailto: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.

**Peter Simpson**  
**Principal**

### Home & School News:

- ♦ **Chocolate money** is to be returned to the school by this Friday, 13 March. The H&S team will be in the school Hall between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m.
- ♦ **Annual General Meeting** of the Home & School is being held **tonight** Wednesday, 11 March at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom. All Parents/Caregivers are most welcome to attend.
- ♦ **Sausages & Bacon Butties Orders:** Order forms have been sent home today, Wednesday, 11 March. Orders to be handed into the Hall between 8.30 and 8.55 a.m. on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March, for lunch on Friday, 20 March.
- ♦ **Get involved!** Help us to win \$10,000 sports gear for our school, delivered by **Dan Carter**, plus have a chance to win a \$1,000 prize pack for yourself! Just buy any two Healtheries Supplements, Teas or Kidscare snacks from Countdown supermarkets during March and swipe your Onecard - the more times you buy, the greater your chances of winning!

**Important information on the threat to infant formula:** The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) is responsible for all food safety in New Zealand. Yesterday (Tuesday 10 March) MPI advised the Ministry of Education of a threat to contaminate infant formula with 1080 poison.

- MPI is confident that New Zealand infant formula is as safe today as it was before the threat.
- Parents and caregivers should use it as they always have. No contamination has been detected in the over 40,000 batches of infant formula tested by MPI since the threat was received in November 2014. These tests will continue.
- Parents and caregivers should always check all food packaging, including that for infant formula, for signs of tampering. MPI has a leaflet on how to check for this. It can be found at: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz> or in your local supermarket.
- Supermarkets have put in place additional security measures around infant formula following the threat.
- If parents or caregivers have any questions, they can call Plunketline 0800 933922 or if you are concerned about a baby's health, call the Healthline 0800 611 116 or visit the doctor.
- If parents or caregivers have any serious concerns about a child's health, they should call 111.



## **Belfast School Kapa Haka Welcomes Te Matatini Finalists**

It was an honour for Belfast School to welcome two National Champion Kapa Haka groups who performed at the National Kapa Haka Festival, Te Matatini, in Christchurch over the weekend. On Wednesday morning we welcomed the Te Waka Hui and on Friday it was the Te Pou o Mangatawhiri. The roof in the school Hall was almost lifted at the amazing sound of the Te Pou o Mangatawhiri who performed Waiata and Haka for us, it was a spectacular performance.

We interviewed **Mrs Teague** who leads the Belfast School Kapa Haka.

**What did you think of the performance?**

Amazing, it made me cry!

**What was the experience like for you?**

It was very moving I went to Te Matatini on Sunday to see more.

We also interviewed **Akaela Lucas & Zak Shakes** who are in the Senior Belfast Kapa Haka.

**What happened?** We lined up and shook hands and then we performed our school song then they did their songs that were amazing. It was breath-taking listening to them sing.

**What was it like to hongis with the manhuri (visitors)?**

Akaela— It felt awkward.

Zak— It was my first time and it was ok.





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### Principal

Peter Simpson

### Board of Trustees Chairperson

David Cuniffe

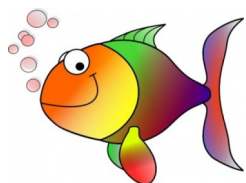
## Important Dates - March

Wed. 11	Home & School AGM at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom
Thurs. 12	LMS Swimming Sports at 1.30 p.m.
Fri. 13	NE/JNR Swim Demo 1.45 p.m.
Mon. 16	North Zone Swimming Sports at Jellie Park, 12 noon
Mon. 16	Assembly 2.15 p.m.

## Belfast Stars

### Assembly 2 March

- ★ Rm 1 Olivia Johnston
- ★ Rm 2 Jake Eden
- ★ Rm 3 Isaac Oates
- ★ Rm 5 Tasman Banks
- ★ Rm 6 Yasaman Masumi
- ★ Rm 7 Kaleb O'Callahan
- ★ Rm 8 Cohan Max
- ★ Rm 9 Maddy Broad
- ★ Rm11 Saraia Cameron
- ★ Rm12 Miki Marcoschi
- ★ Rm13 Kazire Taewa
- ★ Rm14 Jimmy Hastings
- ★ Rm15 Zarnia de Gouw
- ★ Rm16 Maggie Crawford
- ★ Rm17 Tyler Joyce
- ★ Rm21 Bailey Fail
- ★ Rm22 Harley Hewson
- ★ Rm23 Daesha Hopkins



## Community Notices

### **Belfast RFC Junior Rugby Registration Day 2015 - Sunday, 15 March 9.00 am to 1.00 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. For more information please email [juniorbrc@gmail.com](mailto:juniorbrc@gmail.com)

### **Belfast Netball Club Registration info:**

Register online at [www.belfastnetball.co.nz](http://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.

**Belfast Brownies** - Calling all 7 to 9.5 year old Girls. *Belfast Brownies needs you.* Fun and adventure this way, Belfast School Hall on Wednesdays 5.45 to 7.30 p.m. Phone Kathy-Jo on 352 0233 or 021 2111835 for more info.

**Marian College "Open Night"** - Thursday, 19 March 6.30-8.00 p.m. 122 Barbadoes Street. Visit [www.mariancollege.school.nz](http://www.mariancollege.school.nz) for more information.

**Find Your Groove - with Anna Lee School of Dance:** Dance classes are tailored for pre-schoolers through to advanced students. Dance styles available: Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Contemporary. Classes available at 116 Sawyers Arms Road, Papanui. Ph 354 6228 or email [office@annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz](mailto:office@annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz) For more information visit [www.annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz](http://www.annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz)

**Diva Rhythmic Gymnastics Club** based at NZ Institute of Sport at 66b Wharenuui Road, Riccarton. We are holding testing days for pre-international individual gymnasts and group grades. If you think your daughter has what it takes and loves or would love to do rhythmic gymnastics competitively and the opportunity to travel, please contact me to arrange to attend a testing day. Testing days will be held on: Saturdays 14 and 28 March, and 11 April from 10am. Bianca Stove, [divargc@gmail.com](mailto:divargc@gmail.com) or 0275217220

**McDonald's Youth Duathlon** - Sunday, 29 March at South Hagley Park. For children aged 7 to 10 and 11 to 15 years. For more info visit [www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz](http://www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz) Final date for entries 20/03/15.