



# Belfast School

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## Newsletter

25 March  
2015

### A very special welcome to our new pupils:

Max and Ethan Parkinson

Dear Parents/Caregivers



On Sunday, Belfast School will be featuring on "What Now"! Gladiators was filmed in Term 4 last year at school. Do not forget to set your alarms to watch the fun and familiar faces!

### Congratulations to:

- ♦ *Liam Boyd in Room 15* who has qualified for the 9 year old Tennis Zones. All the best in your games Liam!
- ♦ The Black Caps on their stunning victory over South Africa. We wish them good luck in the final on Sunday.

### New Staff - Term 2:

We are delighted to announce the following appointments:

- ♦ Mrs Tracey McLaughlin in Room 15, to replace Mrs Abbie Strong who has gone on Maternity Leave.
- ♦ Miss Anna Truesdale who will be teaching in Room 9, replacing Mrs Jess Bond who has accepted a position with CORE Education. Mrs Bond will be assisting schools around New Zealand to implement Digital technology programmes which is her professional passion.

We wish Abbie all the very best for the safe arrival of her baby, and Jess a seamless change of her job focus.

### Sabbatical:

Next term I have been awarded a Study Sabbatical by the Ministry of Education to research with some children the impact consistent access to a digital device has on their learning. I will be conducting this research at Belfast School, so whilst I will not be here every day, I will be in and out over the length of the term.

Mrs Jo Johnstone will be the Acting Principal while I am on leave.

### End of Term 1:

Believe it or not we are almost at the end of the final term. It has been a very busy but exciting term. The great weather has been a contributing factor in the success of programmes and activities such as Beach Education, Swimming Sports and the Triathlon.

The term will finish on Thursday, 2 April as 3 April is Good Friday. Term 2 will commence on Monday, 20 April. As ANZAC Day falls on Saturday, 25 April the school will be closed on Monday, 27 April, this is the first time it has been "Mondayised". I hope you and your family have a happy Easter, and enjoy the holiday break.

**Sheldon Park Pool** is now closed. Please 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 your deposit refund.



**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 soon, but are yet to receive completed Enrolment forms. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Peter Simpson**  
**Principal**



### **Dental Care over the School Holidays:**

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over 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 8.30 am to 12.30 pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

*Tuesday 7 April to Thursday 16 April (excluding weekends).*

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. You can phone and make an appointment for the Emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

**Christchurch Community Response (CCR)** is coming to Belfast in May-June-August: This group of volunteers will visit every home in Belfast and check on the wellbeing of our community. Since the earthquakes CER have visited 45,000 homes and is recognised by other major agencies operating in the city e.g. CCC, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and CDHB. The BCN is looking for volunteers from local organisations to assist the trained volunteers from CCR. Each volunteer will be paired with a CCR person. The dates below are tentative and the door knocking is done between 9am-1pm, generally on Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday. The base for this will be at the BCN facility, Sheldon Park.

- ♦ 19 May for the Belfast door knock. Would envisage this taking 1 week to complete.
- ♦ June 2015 - Northcote/Redwood. Could take approx. 2-3 weeks.
- ♦ August 2015 - Northwood, potentially 3 weeks to complete.

If you are able to give a morning here and there to support this project could you email your name and contact phone number to [lynda@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](mailto:lynda@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz) Thanks

### **Home & School News:**

At the recent AGM the Home & School voted to change their name to the **Belfast School PTA.**

Thank you to **Mike Pero Belfast** who contributed \$300.00 towards the recent Sausage Sizzle at the Belfast Junior Touch Finals last Saturday.

**Congratulations to our Junior Neighbourhood Leaders: Faith Peters and Mekijah Pullan.**

**Recent award recipients:**

**Hayden Cossar & Yngve Jordan** - found stolen power tools and helped the Police with their investigation.

**Liam Boyd & Jacob Philpott** - cleaned up broken glass in the school grounds.

**Olivia Wilson** - a wonderful helper and support to an elderly neighbour.

**Liam Devlin** - saved a pre-schooler who was having difficulties in a swimming pool.





# Skud Car Wows Belfast!

Last Friday Sam Collins' Father arranged for the "skud car" to visit Belfast School. The owner, Brett Rudd, answered questions from each syndicate and gave the engine a blast so that everyone got to experience the grunt of the car's powerful engine. This extraordinary racing car raced at Ruapuna Raceway at the weekend. The visit sparked some thoughts and opinions about the car:



**What did you think of the car?** (Zeke, Rm 21) I think it is cool and it sounds good. (Manaia N Rm 22) Super Cool!

**Are you a Holden or a Ford fan?** (Zeke) Holdens all the way! (Manaia N) Holden

**Three words to describe the car?** (Zeke) Loud, fast, beast. (Manaia N) Loud, speedy, cool.



Last week we saw a skud racing car. It can go over 200 KMs/H. The Skud looks like a rally car but the skud races on a track and the rally has off road wheels. The shape looks bit a bit different too. I liked the noise of the car because it was a mean throaty sound. We got a cool poster to take home.

*By Eric Holt-Hegan*

## Welcome, Mrs McLaughlin



We would like to welcome Mrs McLaughlin to Belfast School, she is the new teacher in Room 15 after taking over from Mrs Strong who is on maternity leave.

We asked the wonderful Mrs McLaughlin some questions, here they are...

1. **So far, what do you think of Belfast School?** *A friendly, tidy and welcoming school.*
2. **If you were on a stranded island what 3 things would you bring?** *My family, Iphone and a years supply of lollies!*
3. **Favourite cartoon character?** *Goofy*

Student Reporters: Lagan Edwards, Chloe Wooldridge, Caitlyn Ford





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### Principal

Peter Simpson

### Board of Trustees Chairperson

David Cunliffe

## Important Dates - March/April

Sunday, 29	Watch "What Now" to see our Belfast School children
Monday, 30	Swimming Centrals at Selwyn Aquatic
Tuesday, 31	House Colour afternoon
Wednesday, 1	Celebration Assembly 2.00 p.m.
Thursday, 2	Last day of Term 1
Monday, 20	First day of Term 2

## Belfast Stars

### Assembly 16 March

- ★ Rm 1 Jasmine Taylor
- ★ Rm 2 Ezra Ray-Paku
- ★ Rm 3 Ashleigh Gaskell
- ★ Rm 5 Charlize MacIntosh
- ★ Rm 6 Noah Brown
- ★ Rm 7 Emma Harden
- ★ Rm 8 Blaike Cattermole
- ★ Rm 9 Azariah Strydom
- ★ Rm11 Connor Boyd
- ★ Rm12 Emily Scott-Johnston
- ★ Rm13 Elijah Wilson
- ★ Rm14 Scarlett Bishop
- ★ Rm15 Kaycee Blackburn
- ★ Rm16 Declan Van Wyk
- ★ Rm17 Luke Donaldson-Scott
- ★ Rm21 Yngve Jordan
- ★ Rm22 Masoumeh Haidari
- ★ Rm23 Thomas Maddock



## Community Notices

**OSCAR Holiday Programme** (run by the Belfast Community Network): Runs from Tuesday, 7 April to Friday, 17 April. \$35.00 per day including activities! Brochures and booking forms are available at the Belfast Community Network building or on their website [www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](http://www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz)

**Mainland Football Holiday Programmes:** Suitable for 7-10yo and 11-14 yo. Dates: 8/9/10 April and 13/14/15 April. Time: 9.00am-3.00pm at ASB Football Park. Costs: \$90.00 for 3 days; \$35.00 for 1 day. 10% discount off second child. Visit our website [www.mainlandfootball.co.nz](http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz) Link to register <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regofrm.cgi?formID=47600>

**Rangi Ruru Girls' School - Girls' Day In:** For girls currently in Year 8 to spend a full day as a Rangi girl with 'hands-on' sessions in subjects such as Performing Arts, Science, Language, Robotics and Art. Wednesday, 15 April, 9.00am to 3.00pm, 59 Hewitts Road, Christchurch.

**Family Fun Run & Gala** organised by Tourette's Assn of NZ with Kelly Sports: At North Hagley Park on Sunday 26 April, start 10am. 3 distances: 2.5, 5 and 10km. Early bird entry: \$10 adult/\$5 child/\$25 family. For more details visit [www.tourettes.org.nz](http://www.tourettes.org.nz)

**Air Force Museum School Holiday programme "Nature's Flight"** starting Tuesday 7 April and running until 17 April. You can choose half days, full days or a full week. For more info please check out our website [www.airforcemuseum.co.nz](http://www.airforcemuseum.co.nz) or call the Public Programmes Team on 03 343 9504. Book now, spaces are filling fast! OSCAR endorsed.

**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.