



Belfast School

care I share I learn I grow

Newsletter

29 April
2015

A very special welcome to our new pupils:

Tyson Cole, Caley Erasmus, Hunter Wallace, Bella Toomer, Mac Wilson, Ryleigh Jordan, Lincoln Pateman, Ariana Parti, Caitlin Humphries, Paige Forsyth, Shylah Angus and Lucy Jenkins.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 2 got off to a great start with our special **ANZAC assembly** and with the making of the wreaths and poppies during the House Colour afternoon. The assembly was made extra special with Dr Michael Gousmett who kindly played the 'Last Post' as part of the service. We have added an extra page to the newsletter to showcase some of the stories and poems the children have been writing as part of the ANZAC focus last week.

For the remainder of this term, for our **Inquiry Unit**, we are focusing on the Nature of Technology with a special emphasis on Structure and Systems. Some syndicates are planning a school trip to the city to visit the Imagination Station where they get to build with Lego. Letters will be sent out with information regarding these trips.

Please also note that over the next few weeks there will be a big focus on **assessment** for Years 4-8. This data will be used to write the mid-progress reports that will be shared with you at the end of this term as part of the Learning Conferences. For Years 1-3 the on-going assessment and reporting system is in place.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Hugh Fergusson, Maddie Stewart, and Yngve Jordan who participated in the Central Swimming Zones on Monday, 30 March 2015. We are proud that you represented Belfast School.
- ◆ Charlie Paku for receiving the Harcourts Award. Charlie has been making great progress with his writing and has been doing lots of extra writing at home.



Over the school holidays the children were encouraged to continue with their reading and were asked to complete a **reading log**. Research shows that if children read on a daily basis they will continue to make good reading progress. In next week's assembly the names of the children who completed the forms and got it signed by a parent will go into the draw to receive a special treat on Wednesday 6th May.

Now that we are in Term 2, please note that we switch to our **winter uniform**. The main change being the move to the blue and red tartan cullottes for the girls, and the boys are invited to wear navy blue knee length socks.

A number of children have been wearing **jewellery**, please remember only stud earrings are permitted and an item of cultural or religious significance.



When in school grounds please remind the children that **scooters must be walked** due to safety reasons, thank you.



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.

Next week we have the school **Cross Country**, letters will be sent out from each syndicate regarding this event. If you are available to help with the marshalling please speak to Dave Sutherland/Steve Ayers (Sports Coordinators) or the Syndicate Leaders. Thank you.

Jo Johnstone
Acting Principal



PTA News:

- ♦ At the recent AGM the Home & School voted to change their name to the **Belfast School PTA**.
- ♦ At the last Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting the committee discussed fundraising events such as the Entertainment Book, cheese rolls, sausage sizzles, Subway, an evening with Andrew Newton the Hypnotist and Good in the Hood at 'Z' petrol station beginning the week of 25th the May. Keep an eye out for newsletters and Facebook notices about these events.

GOOD *in the* HOOD

To vote for us all you need to do is buy something from Z on **Main North Road** 25-29th May. You'll be given an orange token to put in to the voting box.

Belfast Youth Group (year 7's up) starting Friday 1st of May for 10 weeks. Starting 6pm-8/8.30pm. Lots of fun activities and a cool place to come and hang out with your mates. Snacks will be provided for in house nights. Cost is \$20 for the whole term.

Belfast Girls Group (year 7's up) starting Monday 4th May for 9 weeks. Starting 6pm-8/8.30pm. Lots of yummy food and activities. Cost is \$20.

Contact 03 3239731 to book a place or message us on Facebook/belfastcommunitynetwork.

Throughout Term 2 there is the "**Score with ASB School Banking**" competition running. Each time a student saves \$1 or more they go in the draw to win fortnightly cash prizes of \$10, \$20 or \$50. This runs throughout Term 2 (20 April to the 12 July 2015). Each winner will also be presented with a certificate in recognition of their great attitude to saving.

ASB are also offering to donate \$500 dollars to Belfast School for each family that takes out a home loan so please remember to mention Belfast School if you are setting this up, thanks.

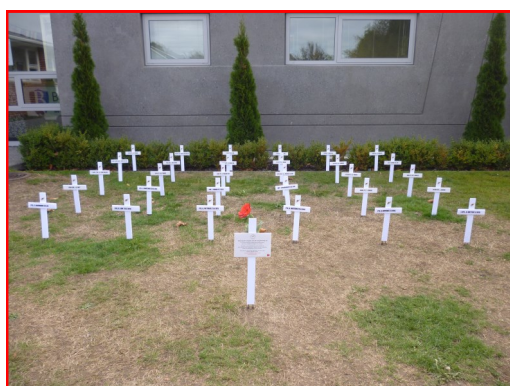
Christchurch Community Response (CCR) is coming to Belfast in May-June-August: This group of volunteers will visit every home in Belfast and check on the wellbeing of our community. Since the earthquakes CCR have visited 45,000 homes and is recognised by other major agencies operating in the city e.g. 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.

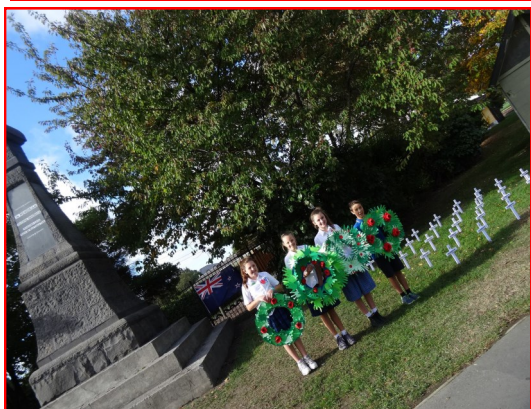
If you are able to give a morning here and there to support this project could you email your name and contact phone number to lynda@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz Thanks



ANZAC Service



Belfast School gathered for a special ANZAC assembly on Friday to commemorate the 100 year centenary of WW1 and Gallipoli. We remembered the soldiers who were killed, particularly the nine from Belfast School. We took the wreaths we made on House Colour day over to the cenotaph and paid our respects with a minute silence. Dr Michael Gousmett concluded the service with the 'Last Post' which he played on his bugle. On Saturday, our Head Boy and Girl (Zeke De Gouw and Lagan Edwards) and the Deputies (Emma Kim and Yngve Jordan) represented Belfast School at the Community Service. They spoke about what ANZAC day meant to them and led The Lord's Prayer. They spoke extremely well and it was a proud moment for Belfast School.



Private Robert Watkins
Private Hereward Hopkins
Private Francis Richards
Trooper Gibson Low
Private Albert Pattrick
Trooper Lewis Leaman
Lance Corporal Henry Wotton
Sergeant Douglas McDonald
Private John Constance
 **Lest We Forget**



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Important Dates - May

Mon-Fri 4-8	NZ Sign Language Week, NE trip to Imagination Station
Tuesday 5	Y5-8 Cross Country
Wednesday 6	Cross Country: LMS 1.15pm:JNR 2.00pm; NE 2.15pm.
Thursday 7	Mufti Day, gold coin donation
Mon-Wed 11-13	LMS trip to Imagination Station
Wednesday 13	North Zone Cross Country at Murchison Park 1pm

Belfast Stars

Honour Roll - 2 April

- ★ Rm 1 Callum Gussette
- ★ Rm 2 Kaliah Lucas
- ★ Rm 3 Georgia McIntyre
- ★ Rm 5 Brooke O'Donnell
- ★ Rm 6 Haylee O'Neill-Roux
- ★ Rm 7 Jesse Brunton-Pamment
- ★ Rm 8 Rylee-Paige Ward
- ★ Rm 9 Isaiah Wineti
- ★ Rm 11 Cameron Woolridge
- ★ Rm 12 Shikyla Johnson-Stewart
- ★ Rm 13 Terongomaianiwaniwa Williams
- ★ Rm 14 Harper Connolly
- ★ Rm 15 Alex Newman
- ★ Rm 16 Summer Fail
- ★ Rm 17 Lucas Charles
- ★ Rm 21 Porshia Ward
- ★ Rm 22 Tenneil Griebel
- ★ Rm 23 Erica Arlidge



Community Notices

MUSIC LESSONS! Musiqhub Tutor, Maree Thom, will be teaching the following instruments to students of Belfast School on Mondays from 3pm. She will be teaching keyboard, guitar, drums, ukulele, and recorder. For more information please contact Maree on 021 260 9899, maree.thom@musiqhub.co.nz or check out the Musiqhub website www.musiqhub.co.nz.

Marian College Open Afternoon:

Monday, 4 May between 2.00 and 3.00pm. 122 Barbadoes Street. Allow a half hour for the visit. Visit www.mariancollege.school.nz No parking on site please.

Wise-Up is an 8-week course for children aged 6-12yo which teaches skills for everyday life. We look at how to recognise feelings and emotions and explore new and different ways of dealing with these. Children also learn how to keep themselves safe, work in groups and handle peer pressure. For more information and enrolments contact Tineke Wolters at the Methodist Mission, phone 375 1470 ext. 844 or email: tineke@mmsi.org.nz

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.

Adult Classes are still at Papanui High:

Term 2 begins 28 April. Huge range of classes from **Art to Yoga**. Come down and enjoy the fun! To enrol, please phone our office on 352 0701. See our full range of courses on www.papanui.school.nz



DAY 38

I've been stuck in this trench for six days now. I'm too scared to run up onto the battlefield because I've seen millions of my friends ripped to shreds. I want to go home to my little brother Kevin and older brother Michael. My friend Billy got shot and died. As I held him in my arms he told me to send a message to his wife Jenny, that he loves her and is sorry that he is going to miss the baby's birth. I'm surprised I got here alive. Me and my brother Michael had to parachute out of a plane into a dry, misty, wasteland. Unfortunately we were separated in the fall. Once I landed all I heard was the sound of bullets flying past me at the speed of light but I found a trench and hid in it. Six days I've been hiding in here but I must do it for my country, I must go and fight on the battlefield for New Zealand.

I climb out of the trenches, suddenly in the distance I see a big black shadow. I can't quite make out what it is because of the mist, but then I see it's a tank so I turn and run. Then I hear an explosion beneath me... five weeks later I wake up in a hospital with no legs and my family standing around me smiling. They say I got shipped back after I stood on a landmine and lost my legs and that is how I got here today writing this story.



By Loui Copeland, Room 21

My Granddad is a Guardian of the 19th Memorial up in Victoria Park. My brothers and I have been made Junior Guardians and go to help out each Anzac Day. We set out seats for the old soldiers, put up the flag pole and flag, hand out pamphlets with the order of service, and



help the soldiers to find a place. Afterwards we tidy up and take down the flag pole. This is a photo of me with a soldier who is 97 years old and one of the three remaining members of the 19th Infantry Battalion.

By Alex Newman, Room 15

*Brave men fight for the land
Will they fall or will they stand.
Declaring war to other places
Shooting down unknown faces.
Bombing anything in their way
Each and every single day.
Carrier pigeons flying around
Listening to a deafening sound.
Injured and hurt
With their bodies all burnt.*

By Georgia Nicholls, Room 23



I've been here *three* days now and all I have seen is death. My job here is as a medic and the wounds I have seen would, well they would give you nightmares. Shrapnel stuck in hearts and faces and last night a new medic was flown in so now I fight. As I was handed my gun I asked what happened to the owner, he said he was blown to bits by a tank. I take my first steps on to the battlefield. All is quiet, my heart is pumping and the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end. I take my first step towards the enemy and I hear an ear piercing *crack crack*, the pain of a burning bullet strikes my knee at such force that it knocks me off my feet into barbed wire surrounding our trenches. I scream in agony and start crawling towards the trench. I fall in just before I hear my best friend William yell "Grenade!", BOOM! Will was killed so I edged my way closer to the medic then I pass out. I wake up in the hospital, they said I can go. I've been in there a whole week. This time when they hand me back my gun it was a flame thrower covered in blood, they said it was Will's and he wanted me to have it. I took it and headed out, this time it was more careful but not careful enough. I saw this thing on the horizon it looked like a chopper here to save me. I am going home I thought to myself. When the chopper came closer it lowered a rope for me and I went home to my brother Pete who had been lost ever since we jumped out of that plane. I'll never forget the sounds of the people that died.



By Max Parkinson, Room 21

Sad day
On 25th of April
Lay dead in no man's land
Devastating destruction
In muddy wet trenches
Every day war
Rainy days

By Boyd Johnson, Room 14

Future generations need to be reminded that happiness has a price. If happiness is the product of freedom, then freedom is the reward of courage. We should be grateful to those that have helped preserve our Nation and way of life through their sacrifice. In doing so, we keep bright the memory of those lives. It is in the remembrance of these things that communities across the nation come together on this day.

Extract from speech written and delivered by Lagan Edwards and Zeke De Gouw