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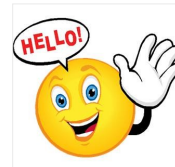
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Newsletter

24 June
2015

A very special welcome to our new pupil:

Sophie Wright



Dear Parents/Caregivers

At the end of Term 1, Belfast School was visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) whose role it is to give parents and the wider community assurance about the quality of education that schools provide and that children receive. We are thrilled to share with you that Belfast School received an outstanding report which can be read in full on the school's website. Below is the concluding statement from the report.

'Students experience a rich and varied curriculum that is highly effective in promoting their learning, enjoyment and engagement. The emphasis placed on the school's values contributes to a positive and supportive learning environment for all students. The school is very well led, and has a sustained focus on continuous improvement. Well-maintained relationships with the community continue to strengthen support for children's learning and well-being.'

As a school we are proud of the report and pleased that ERO recognised the strengths of our school. ERO are likely to carry out the next review in four to five years which indicates the highest level of assurance from the reviewers.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Prefects for helping the school towards a portion of the money given to us from the 'Z' petrol station on Main North Road as part of Good in the Hood. We received \$984 as a result of the tokens in the Belfast School box. This money will go towards the PTA's main fundraiser this year, new seating, shade sail and sandpit in the Junior play area. Money has also been received from the PTA for wet weather games for each class, Kapa Haka tuition in preparation for the Cultural Festival and a portable boom box for use with the Jump Jam teams.

The PTA's next big fundraiser is during the holidays on Sunday, 19 July where they are holding a **Mid Winter's Market** from 10am to 3pm at the Belfast Sports and Community Centre at Sheldon Park. \$2.00 per person entry with a wide variety of stalls, including food stalls. We look forward to seeing you there.

The proofs for the **school photos** were sent home last week, if you wish to purchase please send the money in to the Office by 9am on Friday, 3 July.

Bus Children: Yesterday morning the bus was unable to collect the children due to a major accident and traffic backlog on the Main North Road. An email and text was sent to Parents, however please remember to check the Notices (option 2) when you phone the school, as this is kept updated when an issue like this occurs. Please **return** the Bus slips (notice dated 17/06/15) regarding the early closing on Tuesday, 30 June.

A reminder that the **Y4-8 Learning Conferences** are being held on Tuesday 30 June and Thursday 2 July and that school will **close at 2pm on Tuesday 30 June** for the **whole school**. Reminder to book an interview time. Please remember to pop these dates in your calendar.

Hope you are managing to stay warm!

Jo Johnstone - Acting Principal

Prefects Fundraising for Wellington:

We would like to thank Dave Pilkington and **Vege Packers** for gifting the Prefects the bags of onions. The proceeds from the sale of these have gone towards the Prefects trip to Wellington. All the onions are now sold! Thank you for your support in purchasing these.



Raffle Tickets \$2.00 each and the prizes are fabulous! 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. As well as luxury items there is also \$200 worth of hair salon vouchers and \$150 of product. Tickets can be purchased from the School Office.



A reminder that each week it is **Wrapper Free Wednesday** where we encourage children to use reusable containers or bags to help reduce the amount of rubbish at school and to promote a healthier lunch.

Lost Property Sale of Polar Fleece and Sweat Shirts - Will be held **this Friday, 26 June** at 8.30 a.m. in Room 18.

Congratulations to:

All the students who participated at the Centrals Cross Country on Wednesday, 10 June:

Year 5 Girls	Zarnia De Gouw, Alyssa Allnutt
Year 6 Girls	Maia Simpson
Year 7 Girls	Aleesha Cummings, Caitlyn Ford
Year 8 Girls	Alyssa Harris, Amy Harrison, Emma Kim, Daesha Hopkins
Year 7 Boys	Conor Pilkington, Brae Stuart, Hunter Wallace, Hugh Fergusson
Year 8 Boys	Yngve Jordan, Zeke De Gouw, Caleb Cooper
SN Race	Sean Geoghegan



Winter Sports Results:

Friday, 12 June		
Y5/6 Rugby 'Gold'	vs Kaiapoi North A	Lost 45-40
Y5/6 Rugby 'Green'	vs Ashgrove A	Won 100-0
Y7/8 Rugby 'A'	vs Kaiapoi North A	Won 63-45
Y5/6 Football	vs Ohoka Strikers	Lots 12-0
Y7/8 Football	vs Kaiapoi North A	Lost 1-0
Y5/6 Hockey	vs Kaiapoi North B	Won 16-0
Y7/8 Hockey	vs Kaiapoi North D	Won 18-0
Y5/6 Netball 'Gold'	vs St Patricks	Won 15-0
Y5/6 Netball 'Green'	vs Kaiapoi North C	Won 13-8
Y7/8 Netball 'Gold'	vs Ashgrove A	Won 11-4
Y7/8 Netball 'Green'	vs Ashgrove C	Lost 6-2

PTA News:

- * **Mid-Winter's Market** Sunday, 19 July at the Belfast Sports and Community Centre, 10am to 3pm, \$2.00 per person entry. A whole range of stalls to peruse, including food stalls!
- * Those people that went to the **Hypnotist evening with Andrew Newton**, reported that it was a fabulous night out. Proceeds from this go towards the PTA.
- * The PTA will be selling **First Aid kits** next term from the school Office, these include equipment for basic first aid as well as a thermometer and ice pack. These will retail at \$39 and an example will be available for you to look at next term.
- * In conjunction with **Wrapper Free Wednesdays**, Kylie Collins will be donating 10% of her Tupperware sales to Belfast School (or \$10 per order depending on the greatest value). If you wish to purchase these handy containers or book a party please contact Kylie on 027 378 1600.
- * The next **PTA meeting** is being held on Wednesday, 29 July in the Staffroom commencing at 7.00 p.m. All Parents/Caregivers are most welcome.

MATARIKI

Matariki is a celebration held annually in Aotearoa during winter to celebrate the Maori New Year.

In Maori language, Matariki is both the name of the Pleiades star cluster, and also the name of the season of its first rising.



It's a time of celebration, harvest, reflection and starting a new year.

Here are some spectacular poems and art...

Matariki

A New Year

Tane

Aroha is a gift

Remember our tipuna

I can see the stars in the constellation

Kites in the sky, Matariki day

I can see the constellation. *By Brooke Bray*

M is the 7 stars of Matariki that shines at night

A is for all the aroha we share

T is all the tales told about Matariki

A is for our ancestors that lived

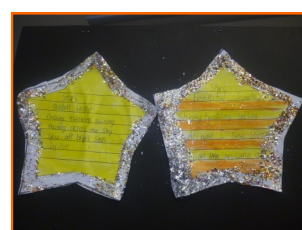
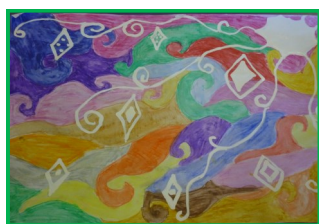
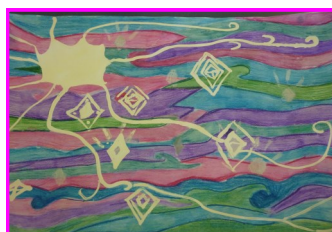
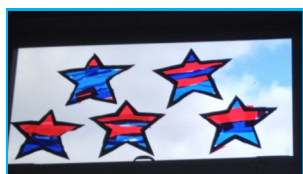
R if for Ranginui, the Sky Father

I is for 'I can see the seven sisters'

K is for all the kites that fly around the sky

I is for 'I can see the stars at night'.

By Harper Connolly



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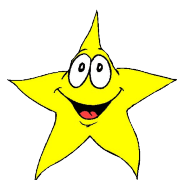
Important Dates - June/July

Tuesday 30	Whole School closing 2.00 pm
Tuesday 30	Learning Conferences Y4-8 2.15
Wednesday 1	Celebration Assembly 2.00 pm
Thursday 2	Learning Conferences Y4-8
Friday 3	Last day Term 2
Monday 20	Term 3 commences
Monday 20	Powhiri Assembly 10.30am

Belfast Stars

Assembly - 15 June

- ★ Rm 1 Mac Wilson
- ★ Rm 2 Dezaiah Whiunui
- ★ Rm 3 Joshua Bray
- ★ Rm 5 Harry Bloomfield
- ★ Rm 6 Isaac Arlidge
- ★ Rm 7 Zara Johnstone
- ★ Rm 8 Cohan Max
- ★ Rm 9 Ben Rowe
- ★ Rm 11 Connor Boyd
- ★ Rm 12 Ariana Brennan
- ★ Rm 13 Ryan Gussette
- ★ Rm 14 Brooke Bray
- ★ Rm 15 Kevin Ha
- ★ Rm 16 Aleasha Smits
- ★ Rm 17 Ethan Parkinson
- ★ Rm 21 Caleb Dellow
- ★ Rm 22 Jasmine Brown
- ★ Rm 23 Conor Pilkington



Community Notices

MUSIC LESSONS! Musiqhub Tutor, Maree Thom, will be starting music lessons at Belfast School on Mondays from 3pm *starting Term 3*. She will be teaching keyboard and guitar. Group lessons \$16 per class (maximum 4 students). 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 - Enrolments: Close at 1.00 p.m. Friday, 31 July. Enrolment forms are available by phoning 385-8449, emailing exec@mariancollege.school.nz or from the website www.mariancollege.school.nz

Belfast Rugby Club - Junior Committee has 2 fundraising events coming up; 24 July Wine & Cheese Evening. 8 August Kids Disco Night. For more info contact Christine Lange 323 9215 or 027 8593000.

Belfast Community Network OSCAR programmes available during the school holidays i.e. Monday 6 to Friday 17 July. \$35.00 a day including activities. Brochures and booking forms available at the BCN building or visit website belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz

Dog Training for Kids: Teach your dog some manners and tricks. It's easier than you think! 5 weeks of fun starting Wed. 1 July at 6.30pm at the Blind Foundation, Merivale. More info and to register phone 389 4065, 021 823647 or visit www.nakeddog.nz

July School Holiday Events:

Mainland Football Outdoors: For 7-14 yo on 13, 14, 15 July at ASB Football Park, 9.00 to 3.00; \$35 per day or \$90 for all 3). For more info www.mainlandfootball.co.nz

Dance Holiday Programme: Methodist Church, King Street Rangiora; Monday 6 July 8.30-10.30am and Tuesday 7 July 8.30-10.30am. Open to all ages. \$25 for 1 session or \$40 for 2. Contact Maree Harris to book 021 776864 or email maree@mfactorevents.co.nz

The Emperor's New Clothes: Is being performed by Riccarton Players on 9-19 July; Thurs/Fri 7pm and Sat/Sun 11am and 2pm. All tickets \$10.00 at Hagley Open Stage Theatre-Hagley College, 510 Hagley Avenue.