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Newsletter

12 August
2015

A very special welcome to our new pupils:

Rylen Parrett and Jackson Sharkie



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Cantamaths: Next week on Wednesday, 19 August our Year 7 and 8 Cantamaths teams will be participating in the Canterbury Cantamaths competition. The event will be held at the Horncastle Arena in Addington. Mrs Berryman and the Senior Syndicate teachers have been working hard practising with the children. We wish them all the very best for the competition.

Book Week: Is happening next week (17-21 August) - there will be books for sale in the Library, a Book Character dress up day on Thursday, 20 August; and for children in Years 1-3 "Bedtime Stories" in the Hall 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. which is also on Thursday, 20 August. Information regarding these exciting activities is being sent home with your child this week. Look out for the 'blue' information sheets.

Congratulations to:

- **Kate Harden** in R14 for obtaining a Merit in her ICAS Science exam; **Luke Donaldson-Scott** R17 for obtaining a Distinction in his ICAS Digital Technologies exam; and **Josh Mason** R23 for obtaining a Merit in his ICAS Digital Technologies exam. These are amazing results and show that your hard work has paid off.
- **Lewis Annett** in R21 who has been selected to play in the Under 13 Canterbury League team. Well done Lewis, we wish you all the best for your games.
- The following teams who will be participating in the Central Winter Sports Tournament on Thursday, 27 August: **Y7/8 Netball; Y5/6 Netball; Y7/8 Football; Y7/8 Rugby; and Y7/8 Hockey.** Good luck everyone for your games.

Winter Sport: This Friday (14/08/15) is the final day, subject to the weather, for Winter Sports. We wish all the teams the very best for their final game and hope they have enjoyed the new competition in North Canterbury. A huge thank you to all the Parents and Staff involved in coaching the teams. I know the children have really enjoyed having you coach them, and the school appreciates you giving up your time for the children.

Movie Night: Thank you to the PTA for organising this event and to the Parents who supported it. A great night was had by all.

Visiting Performances: This week the children have been privileged to see two performances here at school. On Monday "Maui and the Sun" entertained the children with the traditional Maori legend. Yesterday the storytelling group - "Worlds Apart" performed for the children. It was wonderful to see the joy and wonder on the children's faces as they were engrossed in the performances.

This Term we have two **Policies under review**, namely **Behaviour Management** and **Complaints**; both Policies are to be reviewed by the Board, Staff and Parents. To review these Policies please visit our Policies website <http://belfast.schooldocs.co.nz> Username: **belfast** Password: **sheldon** click onto the "What's Under Review". Read the policy; click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page. Select your role (i.e. Parent/Caregiver) and submit your ratings and comments. If you do not have internet access, you can obtain printed copies of these Policies from the School Office.

Peter Simpson
Principal

School Lunches:

- ◆ Sushi orders are to be made on Tuesday mornings for Wednesday lunch.
- ◆ Bakery items can be purchased for the children's lunches on Friday mornings for Friday lunch. Full details and order forms can be obtained 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 and Found: At school we have a collection of Scooters that have not been claimed. If your child has lost their scooter in the past 8 months please provide full details to the school Office so we can check to see if we have it on site. Otherwise these scooters will be re-distributed. Thank you.

ASB Children's Banking Programme:



Remember to bring your **ASB school banking envelope** to school. Any spare coins will do. Encourage good savings habits from an early age.



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WITH ASB SCHOOL BANKING

Saving \$1 with ASB could score you a share of \$5,000.
To enter the fortnightly prize draw, simply deposit at least \$1 into your registered Headstart account through your school's ASB School Banking Programme or electronically throughout term 3 2015.

To find out more and to open an account visit asb.co.nz/score or collect a brochure from your school office or visit your local ASB branch.

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Winter Sports Results

Friday, 24 July			Friday, 31 July		
Y5/6 Rugby 'Gold'	Ohoka Flippers	Won 45-15	Y5/6 Rugby 'Gold'	Ashgrove A	Won 85-5
Y5/6 Rugby 'Green'	Kaiapoi Borough	Lost 55-15	Y5/6 Rugby 'Green'	Bye	
Y7/8 Rugby 'A'	Ashgrove B	Won 117-3	Y7/8 Rugby 'A'	Ashgrove A	Won 89-49
Y5/6 Football	Kaiapoi Borough	Lost 2-0	Y5/6 Football	Ashgrove B	Won 6-1
Y7/8 Football	St Josephs 3	Lost 4-2	Y7/8 Football	Ashley	Won 4-0
Y5/6 Hockey	Ashley Dos	Lost 11-0	Y5/6 Hockey	Ashley Uno	Lost 7-3
Y7/8 Hockey	Ashgrove B	Won 12-6	Y7/8 Hockey	St Patricks	Lost 8-7
Y5/6 Netball 'Gold'	Ashgrove B	Won 27-2	Y5/6 Netball 'Gold'	Ohoka Allstars	Won 37-0
Y5/6 Netball 'Green'	Ashley Tahi	Won 27-2	Y5/6 Netball 'Green'	Ashgrove B	Lost 30-5
Y7/8 Netball 'Gold'	Ashley	Won 17-0	Y7/8 Netball 'Gold'	St Patricks	Won 40-7
Y7/8 Netball 'Green'	RNL 2	Lost 19-15	Y7/8 Netball 'Green'	Ashgrove C	Lost 10-7

PTA News:

- * The PTA are selling **First Aid kits**; these include equipment for basic first aid as well as a thermometer and ice pack. These will retail at \$39.00 and an example is available for you to look at in the school Office.
- * 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.
- * An order form for **Subway Lunches** was sent home with your child yesterday. Orders and money are to be taken to the Hall on Thursday, 13 and Friday 14 August. This is for lunch on Tuesday, 18 August.
- * The **next PTA meeting** is being held on Wednesday, 26 August at 7.00 p.m. Come along and join us to see what we are planning for the rest of the year.



WINTER TOURNAMENT

All the Upper Middle and Senior sports teams went to Hagley Park for the 2015 Winter Tournament. They all had tremendous results. Well done all of you. The Reporters interviewed a few people for the inside information on the day:

Akaela Lucas - (Netball) - What was it like for you?

Tiring but fun, enjoyable, and probably will do it again. Proud of the netball team for getting into Centrals!



Paula Rodriguez - (Hockey) - What was your favourite part of the tournament?

Competing against the other schools. I was happy that our team got into Centrals, there was great teamwork.

Yngve Jordan - (Rugby) - What did you enjoy about the day?

I enjoyed playing hard, and it was cool that we won the Tournament.



Good Luck to those teams that made it to the Centrals!

WRITERS WORKSHOP

A group of passionate Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 writers got the opportunity to do the Writers Workshop, this was run by the School of Young Writers. They learned how to write a radio script. Here are some reflections from two of the participants.

Chloe Wooldridge – It was fun and interesting. It was nice to learn about writing scripts and it was good collaborating with others.

Katelyn Brown – It was fun and I have never done it before !!



The Year 5/6 group visited Plains FM to record their script last week and the Year 7/8 group are waiting for a recording date later in the term. The Year 5/6 radio script will be broadcast live on Plains FM 96.9 next week on Tuesday 18th August at 6pm and repeated on Wednesday 19th August at 12:30pm. Remember to tune in to listen to their fabulous work!

Student Reporters: Lagan Edwards, Chloe Wooldridge, Caitlyn Ford



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Important Dates - August

Thursday 13	Mufti Day, gold coin donation
Friday 14	Last day of Winter Sports
Monday 17	Assembly 2.15 p.m.
Tuesday 18	Subway for Lunch
Wednesday 19	Cantamaths
Thursday 20	"Book Character Dress Up" Day "Bedtime Stories" for Years 1-3 in the Hall 6.00-7.00pm,

Belfast Stars

Assembly - 3 August

- Rm 1 Ryleigh Jordan
- Rm 2 Millie Johnson
- Rm 3 Joe Dadson
- Rm 4 Jake Eden
- Rm 5 Isabella Woods
- Rm 6 Reza Asghari
- Rm 7 Keely Murphy
- Rm 8 Micayla Hobbs
- Rm 9 Nevaeh Johnson
- Rm 11 Frances Buendia
- Rm 12 Madison Sharland
- Rm 13 Rebecca Wang
- Rm 14 Corban Markwick
- Rm 15 Liam Boyd
- Rm 16 Jack Wolf
- Rm 17 Luke Donaldson-Scott
- Rm 21 Max Parkinson
- Rm 22 Sade Kaminski
- Rm 23 Emmerson Chard



Community Notices

Be a Part of Neighbourhood Week!

Neighbourhood Week is on again from 23 October to 1 November 2015. It's all about bringing people closer together, so why not organise a local gathering to get to know your neighbours. It could be a BBQ, street party, progressive dinner, monster garage sale or even a sports day.

A small subsidy is available from Christchurch City Council Community Boards to help you organise something in your neighbourhood. Applications for subsidies **close on 28 August 2015 at 5pm**.

Visit www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek for an application form/guidelines and some great ideas and further information. Or you can collect a copy from your local service centre.

Curtain Bank is looking for volunteers Do you have children at school? Do you have a few hours a week to help a local charity? Community Energy Action's Curtain Bank is giving away recycled curtains to needy households. We are looking for volunteers to help with sorting, measuring and/or folding donated curtains or even sewing. If you are able to help please phone Gayle on 0800 GET WARM or 374 7222 or email gayle@cea.co.nz Watch the video to find out what the Curtain Bank is doing and what impact it has (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ez8uBdnovTM>)

Save the date - Vulnerable Children & Young People's Wellbeing Workshop: 1 September 4.00-6.00pm at St Albans Baptist Church, 64 McFaddens Road, St Albans, Christchurch.

Tuning in to Kids Parenting Programme

Starts on 13 August and we are keen to hear from step-parents. Visit the web link to sign up at <http://step-tik.weebly.com>



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Invitation to Parents/Caregivers: 3rd September 2015. Session 1: 2:30-4:00pm. Session 2: 6:00-7:30pm. Venue: Addington Raceway, Legends Lounge, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington.

Special Education continues to be a major priority for the Ministry of Education. While much has been achieved in recent years in inclusive education, there is more to be done. We invite you to attend a Special Education Update forum to learn about our direction and discuss improvement ideas. We want to reduce fragmentation of services, simplify access to extra learning support and increase the consistency of services across the country, so children and young people who need extra support can progress and achieve.

Our Special Education Update is looking at the whole education system including the Ministry's responsibilities - from early childhood, through primary, secondary and tertiary education. We want a range of views to inform decisions about improvements. So far we've worked with representative groups, professionals and some individuals (including parents) in forums to discuss priority improvements. We understand more people want to contribute so we've decided to hold extra forums - mainly for parents but others are also welcome. These additional forums are being held from mid August to 4 September. We are using the same format as earlier forums and will include all contributions into the analysis and decisions about priority improvements.

Please RSVP to aletta.reyneke@education.govt.nz so we know how many people plan to attend - and let us know if you have any special requirements. If background reading isn't attached to this invitation please be sure to ask for it when you RSVP. We want all learners to achieve and succeed. Everyone's contribution to this work is important, no matter where you live or work - in schools, kura, early learning centres families/whānau and communities right around New Zealand.

Kindest regards, Coralanne Child, Director of Education for Canterbury; and Lukas Swart, District Manager for Canterbury.

KIDZ Paradise Home based Childcare: Looking for affordable child care? Kidz Paradise is a Ministry of Education approved Home Based child care provider for children from Years 0 to 5 years. If you want your child to be looked after in your own home through a Nanny OR in a 'home away from home environment' through an Educator, contact us today.

We also would love to hear from you if you are interested in becoming an Educator or Nanny. Phone 03 365-7418 or text or call 021 2940023. Visit our website on www.kidzparadise.co.nz to find out more.

Parenting Week - 24 to 29 August: A range of events are being held during this week to provide strategies to help your family get through the difficult times and enjoy being together. For more information visit www.nht.org.nz Text 027 7465168 or phone 355 6522 extn 113.

Thank you to everyone who purchased movie tickets at the Palms Reading Cinemas during the holidays. The school has received 6 free movie passes to be used as rewards. Reading Cinemas have confirmed that their **School Reward Programme** is continuing, so if you are going to the movies at the Palms please take the attached coupon with you. Your support is much appreciated.



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