



# Belfast School

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## Newsletter

23 September  
2015

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

*Bailey Salisbury, Jacob O'Connell, Akuria Paku, Archie Cole, Danicca Mihaka, Kayse Mihaka and Kingston Donnelly.*



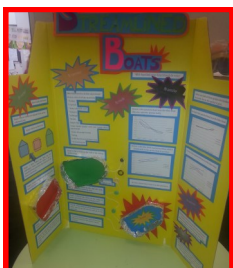
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 3 has had many highlights including a visit from Harold and Life Education, Book Week, the Cultural Festival, Skipping September as well as a range of sporting events. We look forward to recharging our batteries over the school holidays ready for an action packed Term 4.



Over the holidays we once again encourage lots of reading. A **Reading Log** has been sent home this week for reading material to be recorded. Please take 10 mins each day to enjoy a book with your child and record their reading on the sheet. Teachers have observed great results with children who take the time to do this.

**Congratulations and all the very best to:** Mrs Sarah Junghenn who will be on Maternity Leave from the beginning of Term 4. We wish Sarah and her husband all the very best on the safe arrival of their baby. Mrs Kim Hobbs will be teaching Room 21 in Term 4.



**Congratulations to:** Erika Arlidge in Room 7 for entering the Canterbury and West Coast Science and Technology Fair last weekend. Erica's exhibition will be on display in the Office next term. We look forward to having a lot more entries from Belfast School in 2016. It's never too early to get planning!

**Reminder:** To children using Shannon Place when coming to School; please use the footpath and do not walk in the middle of the road. Several concerned residents have complained to the School that children are not using the footpath.

### School Uniform:

As part of our 'sun safety' policy all children are required to wear a sun hat in Terms 1 and 4. Please make sure your child brings their sun hat to school starting on Monday, 12 October. The sun hats can be either wide brimmed or bucket style in either navy blue or cobalt blue.

Please make sure your child/children are wearing the correct items of school uniform. Several Year 1-6 children are wearing the "Seniors" short sleeved polo shirt. If your child is in Years 1-6 their polo shirt should only have "Belfast School" and the logo on it. The Warehouse has a clear distinction between the Junior and Senior uniforms.

### School of Young Writers, Year 7/8 Writers Workshop:

Well done to our Year 7 & 8 writing group who have recorded their radio play 'Life is a Dream' at PlainsFM. Check out their creative and wonderful work. <http://plainsfm.org.nz/on-demand/life-dream/>

Have a safe and happy holiday.

**Jo Johnstone**  
**Deputy Principal**





### The Worry Bug Project for children in Years 1-4:

A unique new resource, The Worry Bug Project, is landing in Canterbury schools, to support families and schools with anxiety as the region recovers from the earthquakes.

The Worry Bug Project consists of two books 'Wishes and Worries' (for use in classrooms) and 'Maia and The Worry Bug' (for use at home) that have been written by registered psychologist Julie Burgess-Manning and teacher Sarina Dickson who are both Christchurch mothers. The books have been illustrated by award winning artist Jenny Cooper and have the support of the Children's Commissioner Dr Russell Wills.

Thanks to funding from the Canterbury Community Trust and the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust, the books will be distributed for FREE to every new entrant to Year 4 class and their students in Christchurch city and the Selwyn and Waimakariri districts.

You also have an important opportunity to shape future work with children after a natural disaster. Massey University are studying the Worry Bug Project and need the help of parents and teachers to better understand how it is for you, and how the project helped. Information will come home with the books or **visit [www.theworrybug.co.nz](http://www.theworrybug.co.nz)**

### Activity Fees:

A reminder that Activity Fees need to be paid prior to your child going on a trip. Any activity/trip that your child participates in is costed against their Term's Activity fee. It is therefore essential that you keep payment for the Activity fee up to date. Planning is already under way for trips next Term. Thank you.



### 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 available from the School Office.

**Do you have a Child Turning 5 in the next 12 months?** 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 have yet to return a completed Enrolment form. We are in the process of planning for 2016 and it would be great to know if your child will be attending Belfast School. We look forward to hearing from you.

### ASB Children's Banking Programme:

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



### 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.
- \* A huge thank you to 'Z' Petrol who kindly donated \$650 to the Belfast School PTA. Please keep supporting your local petrol station on Main North Road.







## HOUSE COLOUR DAY !!!



Last Wednesday was House Colour day all the teams picked up rubbish in their own area as part of Clean Up New Zealand. An added incentive was to find a golden ticket that earned them a mini chocolate bar. After the clean up we did lots of skipping. All of the Houses looked amazing in their house t-shirts. Well done to the Blue team on winning the most awesome chant!!!



### Leaders Wellington Trip

On the 9th and 10th September, the **Prefects** and **House Captains** went for an overnight stay in Wellington. The two days were an opportunity to develop their leadership skills as well as to explore the city. They visited Parliament, Te Papa, Capital E and met with the New Zealand Principals Federation President. There was a lot of fundraising involved to support this trip and we would like to thank those who helped make this venture possible.



**Student Reporters: Lagan Edwards, Chloe Wooldridge, Caitlyn Ford**



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### Principal

Peter Simpson

### Board of Trustees Chairperson

David Cunliffe

## Important Dates - September/October

Friday, 25	Last day of Term 3
Monday, 12	Term 4 begins
Thursday, 15	"Shake Out" at 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday, 21	Newsletter
Friday, 23	"Paint the Town Red" Mufti Day
Monday, 26	Labour Day (school closed)
Wednesday, 28	Y4-8 Athletics

## Belfast Stars

### Assembly - 14 September

- ★ Rm 1 Olivia Johnston
- ★ Rm 2 Lincoln Pateman
- ★ Rm 3 Marco Cutelli
- ★ Rm 4 Phoenix Turner
- ★ Rm 5 Kaitlyn Hunt
- ★ Rm 6 Tiare Johansson
- ★ Rm 7 Tyler Roberts
- ★ Rm 8 Rylee-Paige Ward
- ★ Rm 9 Corban McGill
- ★ Rm 11 Paul Brown
- ★ Rm 12 Miki Marcoschi
- ★ Rm 13 Maia Collins
- ★ Rm 14 Kate Harden
- ★ Rm 15 Amelia Rowe
- ★ Rm 16 Caleb Dadson
- ★ Rm 17 Jack Reeves
- ★ Rm 21 Yasmin Sadlier
- ★ Rm 22 Danielle Holland
- ★ Rm 23 Ha'ano Johansson



## Community Notices

**Ferrymead Heritage Park:** Are celebrating their 50th anniversary at Labour weekend on Sunday, 25 and Monday, 26 October; 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. There will be FREE train and tram rides, food, entertainment, heritage village, collections, museums and much more. A great day out for the whole family. **Admission Prices slashed!** Adults, Seniors and Children ONLY \$15.00; Under 5 years FREE. Family Pass \$40 (2 adults & 4 children). Visit [www.ferrymead.org.nz](http://www.ferrymead.org.nz) for more information.

**Belfast Junior Touch:** At Sheldon Park, will be played on Tuesdays starting 20 October. For more information please phone Linda Attwood on 021 08236464 or 323 4454.

**Mega Book Sale:** The Belfast/Redwood Anglican Church is holding a Mega Book Sale on Saturday, 26 September (7.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.) as a church and community fundraiser. They will be selling books (brand new and secondhand), magazines, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles. St Silas Church is located on the corner of Tuckers Road and the Main North Road, Redwood.

**Mainland Football Outdoors:** For 7-14 year olds. Dates: 28, 29, & 30 September at ASB Football Park. 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Cost: \$35.00 per day (\$90 for 3x consecutive days). Mainland Football have an inside facility suitable for inside activities in case of bad weather. [www.mainlandfootball.co.nz](http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz)

**Ohoka School:** Are holding their "Plant Sale" on Sunday, 18 October 10am-1pm. There will be 10,000 plus plants for sale, e.g. hedging, shrubs, natives, grasses, perennials, trees, edibles. Prices from \$2.00. Bring a trailer!!!

## Community Notices

### **Belfast Community Network - School Holiday Programme:**

Runs from Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October. \$35.00 per day including activities! Brochures and booking forms available at the Belfast community network building or on our website [belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](http://belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz) or phone Ashleigh on 021 UR KIDS (021875437).

**Dental Care in 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 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October (excluding weekends) and

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October (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.

**A new group parenting programme** has become available for parents and is being offered in the Belfast community. The program is called TUNING INTO KIDS™ and it teaches you ways to instil high *emotional intelligence* in your child. Intensive research shows that children with high emotional intelligence: Have more success academically and higher cognitive skills, less likely to have behaviour difficulties, have stronger social skills, have better physical health and fewer physical illness. Emotional intelligence is considered a key aspect in raising happy, resilient, and well-adjusted children. It increases the bond between parent and child, and helps to solve/reduce and prevent behaviour problems.

TUNING INTO KIDS™ runs for 6 sessions for two – two and a half hours each, costs \$245 for the entire program (approximately \$15 an hour), 6 parents per group, run at Belfast Community Centre either during the day or at night depending on preferences of the group. Starting term 4, 2015. TIK is ideally suited to parents of preschool and primary school aged children. For all enquiries, to have a chat, or to make a booking please contact: Alissa Jardine at [alissajayneheaton@hotmail.com](mailto:alissajayneheaton@hotmail.com) 021 265 0949. For more information on the program visit our website at [www.tuningintokids.org.au](http://www.tuningintokids.org.au)

**Air Force Museum October Holiday Programme:** Book in now for the Air Force Museum's September holiday programme, "Battle for Wigram" starting 28 September and running until 9 October. Our OSCAR endorsed holiday programme is all about 're-capturing' the Wigram base through a series of unique daily challenges and missions. We also have plenty of games, craft and unique activities on offer for a fun-filled holiday break. You can choose half days, full days or a full week. For more information please check out our website, [www.airforcemuseum.co.nz](http://www.airforcemuseum.co.nz) or call the Public Programmes team on 03 343 9504 or email [programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz) This programme is suitable for children aged 5-12 years. Cost half day = \$25; full day = \$35; full week = \$170.

**Busk-a-Thon** is happening 17-18 October 2015. This is a 24 hour busking challenge, held across 24 venues around the city, in support of Christchurch charity "Home & Family". We need talented performers (like you) to make Busk-a-Thon happen; so whether you are interested in taking part with your mates or by yourself, we want you to be part of the action! To register or find out more email the Busk-a-Thon HQ at [buskathon2015@gmail.com](mailto:buskathon2015@gmail.com) Like our Facebook page - [facebook.com/buskathon2015](https://facebook.com/buskathon2015) To find out more about the work that "Home & Family" do, head to [www.homeandfamily.net.nz](http://www.homeandfamily.net.nz)

**"How to Help"** - a workshop about how to help others with family violence is being held on Friday, 23 October at the Belfast Community Network, Sheldon Park, Belfast at 6.30 p.m. This workshop is FREE of charge. Find out straight forward information about family violence and what you can do to help friends, whanau, family, neighbours and work mates.

Learn about: The dynamics of family violence; How to recognise family violence; Tactics to help; Personal stories of using or experiencing violence; Practical responses to family violence scenarios developed by the "It's Not Ok" team. To register phone 323 9731 or email [northcote@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](mailto:northcote@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz) For more information on "It's Not Ok" visit the website <http://areyouok.org.nz>





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### PAPANUI HIGH SCHOOL TERM 4 NIGHTCLASSES:

With Spring just around the corner do you feel inspired to get out and learn something new and meet some new people? Then come along to Papanui High School and take part in one of the wide range of nightclasses we have on offer for Term 4 beginning week of 19 October. From Art to Yoga and everything in between we are sure regardless of your age or interest you will find something to tempt you. Classes at Papanui High School are held in a warm, friendly relaxed environment and our tutors are supportive and well qualified in their chosen fields.

For further information and enrolment in any of our courses please visit our website [www.papanui.school.nz](http://www.papanui.school.nz) or telephone our office on 3520701.

**Girls Cricket:** Girls in Years 4 to 8 - join an **all girls Cricket Club** this coming season! The season starts in October which is not far away. There is an all girls cricket league that starts in Term 4 (17 October) and registrations are open now. It's quick! Games run from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon on a Saturday morning. Everyone gets a turn! All children get a bat and bowl each week. We cater for experienced and new girls. It's fun! The girls learn so much from playing cricket - some good life lessons as well as technical skills and build lasting friendships. St Albans Cricket Club is a very friendly girls and women's club.

To register or if you have any questions, please email [barry@denver.co.nz](mailto:barry@denver.co.nz) with your child's name and Year level; or text (Barry) at 021 336837 with your child's name and Year level; or come and register in person at the St Albans Cricket Clubrooms (next to the new international oval at Hagley Park) on Saturday, 12 September from 12 noon to 1.00 p.m. <http://sportsground.co.nz/files/site/265/85/Pdf/140410094221HCWOEZWW.pdf>

**Science Alive! News: BIG SCIENCE DAY!** We invite families back into the heart of Christchurch with the BIG SCIENCE DAY on Saturday, 31 October, 10am to 4pm - an all-day, FREE Science and Technology extravaganza, suitable for families and children of all ages. Showcasing innovations with exciting displays, demonstrations, science shows and workshops the BIG SCIENCE DAY will create fun learning experiences for all ages.

### Science Alive Holiday Programmes:

**Cultural Constellations:** Mon 28 or Tues 29 Sept, 5.30 and 6.30pm - \$5 pp or \$15 for a family up to 6;  
**Robotics:** Beginners Mon 28 or Tues 29 Sept, 10am-12 noon or 1-3pm - \$10 pp (8-13 years only).  
**Robotics:** Extended Wed 30 Sept 10am to 3pm, \$25 pp (10 years +).

For bookings email Karen at [community@sciencealive.co.nz](mailto:community@sciencealive.co.nz) or phone 353 4575 or email Nicky at [retail@sciencealive.co.nz](mailto:retail@sciencealive.co.nz) or phone 365 5199.

**CPIT's popular FREE IT GRLS holiday programme returns:** Wednesday, 30 September and Thursday, 1 October. This is tailored for Year 7 and 8 Girls, IT GRLS involves a variety of fun IT activities aimed at encouraging girls towards technology-related study and careers. This FREE programme will cover the internet, gaming, digital devices, robotics and computer art. Spaces are limited! Please visit our website [www.cpit.ac.nz](http://www.cpit.ac.nz) to register.

**Reminder to hand in your "Belfast School" coupon** at Reading Cinemas at The Palms in the holidays to participate in the "School Reward Programme" this holidays. See attached sheet for more coupons.



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