



# Belfast School

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## Newsletter

9 September  
2015

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

*James Hammond, Ruby Anderson, Ferne Hamlin, Ruby Hamlin,  
Bailey Salisbury and Ella Carson.*



Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Kapa Haka - Cultural Festival:

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka group who performed with distinction at the Cultural Festival last Friday. They certainly did themselves and Belfast School proud with their performance. A huge thank you and congratulations to Mrs Teague, Whaea Tania and Matua Willy for all the hard work they have put in over the last term. You can view the performance on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvIkBohYtUY>

### Congratulations to:

Miss Anna Truesdale on her Graduation for her Teaching Diploma from the Graduate School of Education. Belfast School is very proud of her achievement.

### Year 5/6 Plains FM Writers Workshop:

Congratulations to the children who participated in this workshop; everyone loved your play that was broadcast to the whole school during Book Week. If you would like to hear this play visit <http://plainsfm.org.nz/on-demand/ballet-birthday/>

### Thank you:

To the Harcourts Foundation for their generous grant of \$1,275.00 which will allow us to purchase storage units for our Chromebooks.

### 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 Uniform:

It has been noted that 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.

### 2016 Start Date:

The Board of Trustees have set the Term dates for 2016 as follows:

**Term 1:** Monday, 1 February to Friday, 15 April

**Term 2:** Monday, 2 May to Friday, 8 July

**Term 3:** Monday, 25 July to Friday, 23 September

**Term 4:** Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 15 December

**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.
- ♦ **Ideas for lunches:** Yummy scones i.e. cheese, sultana or date; or what about raisin bread? Get your children to help bake them with you!



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.

**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.



**SCORE**  
WITH ASB SCHOOL BANKING

**Saving \$1 with ASB could score you a share of \$5,000.**

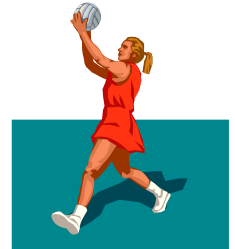
To enter the fortnightly prize draw, simply deposit at least \$1 into your registered Headstart account through your school's ASB School Banking Programme or electronically throughout term 3 2015.

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

**ASB**

### Winter Sports Results

Friday, 21 August	against Kaiapoi Borough	Results
Y5/6 Rugby 'Gold'		Lost 50-25
Y5/6 Rugby 'Green'		Won 45-25
Y7/8 Rugby 'A'		Won 35-33
Y5/6 Football		Lost 6-1
Y7/8 Football		Drew 4 all
Y5/6 Hockey		Lost 4-3
Y7/8 Hockey		Lost 7-1
Y5/6 Netball		Won 25-6
Y7/8 Netball		Won 10-2



### 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.

## DAFFODIL DAY

Last Friday was Daffodil day and Odd Shoe day! All around the school the children were wearing yellow and green mufti and odd shoes. Everyone looked spectacular in their outfits. Thank you for your kind donations, we raised \$473. This money will go to the Cancer Society and to Camp Quality which is an organisation for children living with cancer. We appreciate your support.



## SKIP FOR HEART



This month is Skipping September as part of the Jump Rope for Heart 30 year Anniversary. During this month the entire school will be setting goals and skipping for the Heart Foundation Charity. It has been great to see everyone practising and having fun skipping.



My goal is to do 50 skips !  
Kaycee, Rm15

I think it will be pretty fun!  
Reed, Rm 17



It is good because it gets you fit and healthy.  
Harley, Rm 22

My goal is to skip for 5 minutes each day !!  
Zeke, Rm 21



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





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### Principal

Peter Simpson

### Board of Trustees Chairperson

David Cuniffe

## Important Dates - September

Wednesday, 9/ Thursday, 10	Prefects Leadership trip to Wellington
Thursday, 10	LMS Poetry reading/Speech Competition
Monday, 14	Assembly in the Hall 2.15 p.m.
Tuesday, 15	Junior Syndicate Poetry
Wednesday, 16	House Colour afternoon
Thursday, 17	Year 7/8 Open Night 7.00 p.m.

## Belfast Stars

### Assembly - 31 August

- ★ Rm 1 Ariana Parti
- ★ Rm 2 Sanisha Beardsmore
- ★ Rm 3 Chelsey Attwood
- ★ Rm 4 Alex Zhou
- ★ Rm 5 Ella Coffey
- ★ Rm 6 Roy Wilson
- ★ Rm 7 Millie Fairbairn
- ★ Rm 8 Georgia Swale
- ★ Rm 9 Ryder Koskinen
- ★ Rm 11 Payton Marshall
- ★ Rm 12 Alice Aldhamland
- ★ Rm 13 Lily Brownlees
- ★ Rm 14 Zahra Asghari
- ★ Rm 15 Jacob Philpott
- ★ Rm 16 Hayden Middlemiss
- ★ Rm 17 Charli Berryman
- ★ Rm 21 Alex Isherwood
- ★ Rm 22 Lagan Edwards
- ★ Rm 23 Linnea Jordan



## Community Notices

**Papanui Toc H Athletics:** Our pre-season **Orientation Days** are a great way to find out about our club and this fantastic sport! Join us for fun, friendship and learning skills of running, jumping and throwing. Sunday, 13 and 20 of September; 1.00-2.00 p.m. At Papanui High School, Langdons Road, Papanui. New registrations to please bring your Birth Certificate. All enquiries please contact our Junior Club Captain **Shona Voice** for further details: [shonav.ptoch@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:shonav.ptoch@slingshot.co.nz)

**ACT2 Drama Group - Audition Call:** Act2 Drama Group is thrilled to invite persons of all ages to audition for our next production **"101 Dalmatians"**. This play will be performed as part of the **SummerTimes** season 9-16 January 2016. **Auditions** will be held on Saturday, 19 September 2015 in the Richmond Community Cottage, 78 London Street, Richmond. Please call, text or email Fay to book your audition time 021 043 1108 or [act2dramagroup@gmail.com](mailto:act2dramagroup@gmail.com)

**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.



## Community Notices

### ***Junior Neighbourhood Update:***

Hi everyone,

I am thrilled to be visiting my schools to present special Junior Neighbourhood Support awards to students who have been nominated to receive them by families, other students, school staff, neighbours & people in the community.

Here are some examples of awards presented this term:

\*2 girls helped their elderly neighbour to tidy her garden & they had done some baking to give to her  
\*a senior boy saw a little girl in the playground who was very upset & he sat with her until she felt happier

\*2 boys found a lost dog in the park, rang the number on the tag that was attached to its collar & found the owner

\*a senior student takes gymnastics lessons at her school supervised by an adult. Students participating give a gold coin donation & she has raised a lot of money for Ronald McDonald House  
Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office or you can nominate a student on line [www.nscanterbury.nz](http://www.nscanterbury.nz) Just click onto Junior Neighbourhood Support.

It is wonderful to hear about many things that students are doing to make a difference to others.

Take care, Andrea (co –ordinator for Junior Neighbourhood Support in Canterbury)



### ***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.





## Community Notices

**Junior Indoor Sports at Action Indoor Sports Redwood:** Entries now open for Term 4 for children aged 7 to 18 yrs. There is 6 aside Football and 7 aside Netball. Football \$39.00 per team/per game; Netball \$45.50 per team/per game plus all players pay a \$10.00 Registration fee for the season. You can enter online at [www.actionindoorsports.com](http://www.actionindoorsports.com) Phone 354 1071 for more information.

**Obstacle and X-Country Race** - Sunday, 13 September at Dudley Park, Rangiora for 2-8 year olds. Spot prizes; Medals; Certificates; Enter online at [www.rangioranurseryschool.co.nz](http://www.rangioranurseryschool.co.nz) There will be bouncy castles; sausage sizzle; face painting; fairy; bumper balls and photo booth. See you there!

**Cheerleading:** American-style Cheerleading is alive and well in Christchurch. All Star Pride cheerleading's level 2 and level 3 team have recently just won 2 bids for the 2016 Hawaii Global D+C Games. Allstar Pride Gym Manager Claire Stackhouse started the Christchurch gym when an opportunity to bring US-style cheerleading to New Zealand came up. The sport has been running for more than 10 years here, and over the past 10 years Allstar Pride have won many gold, silver, bronze medals and many titles of Grand champions. If this interests you and you want to try cheerleading? Allstar Pride Christchurch are looking for children aged 4-18 years to learn cheerleading in our recreation class on Monday and Wednesday nights at Christchurch Gymnastics, Watts Road, Sockburn. For further information please email Sarah at [sarah.ewan97@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah.ewan97@hotmail.com)

**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.

**School Holiday Activity - The Grey Goose Wing Archery Society:** Stuck for something to do during the school holidays?? Try your hand at Archery! Ages 10 and up, adults included. Booking is essential, as numbers are limited. Held at Catholic Cathedral College off Ferry Road. Cost is \$20.00 per 2 hour session. Tues/Wed 29 & 30/09: 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30; Tues/Thurs 6 & 8/10 same times. Phone Maria Tucker on 383 3837 or [gqwas@outlook.co.nz](mailto:gqwas@outlook.co.nz) or [www.ggw-archery.weebly.com](http://www.ggw-archery.weebly.com) You coach has many years experience and registered to Archery NZ.

**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)

**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. Phone 03 365-7418 or text or call 021 2940023. Visit our website on [www.kidzparadise.co.nz](http://www.kidzparadise.co.nz) to find out more.



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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/140410094221HCWOEZWV.pdf>

**Sport Canterbury Active Kids October Holiday Programmes:** The October school holidays are fast approaching ... Sport Canterbury have action packed programmes with exciting activities and awesome excursions open for bookings now! Active Kids is an exciting structured programme of sport, physical activity and play for primary school aged children. The programmes are safe and affordable; there are a number of programme/venue options to suit you and your children's needs. Visit our website for full details: <http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/>

**Kaiapoi Softball Club:** Invites all interested players to learn about our club and register online at [www.sportsground.co.nz/kaiapoisoftball](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/kaiapoisoftball) Teams range from U7's, U9's, U11's, U13's, U16's, U19s and open grade Seniors. All enquiries to Wayne Richardson are welcome by phone 03 327 3577 or text 027 6575444 or email [kaiapoisoftballclub@gmail.com](mailto:kaiapoisoftballclub@gmail.com)

**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.