



Belfast School

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Newsletter

21 October
2015

A very special welcome to our new pupils:

Decan Ineson, Phoenix Dench, Melinda Harvey, Phoenix Atkinson, Riley Wickes, Maddie McKersey, Brylie Platts-Smith, Sydney Valentine, Daniel Van Der Berg, Jayden Trieu, Conner Claasen, Trevor Ha, and Jeffrey Ha.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4:

A warm welcome back to the final term of the year. It will be a very busy term with all of the end of year activities, as well as the normal programmes. Highlights of the term will include: Athletic sports, Swimming, Summer Tournament, and much more. Our topic for this term is Science - Physical World Significance. The Syndicate Inquiry topics under this area are:

Juniors: Animal habitats; **LMS:** Weather, Electricity;

UMS: Forms of Energy; **Seniors:** A Science investigation.



Sun Hats Reminder: As part of our Sun Safety policy children are required to wear a sun hat when outside in Terms 1 and 4. The sun hats are to be either the wide brimmed or bucket hats in navy or royal blue. Children who do not wear a sun hat will be asked to sit in the shade.

Reading Books:

Can you please check to see if you have any of the school's reading books at home as we have quite a few missing. This impacts on all children who need the reading books, if there is not enough for the group needing that book at their level, they miss out. An average replacement per book not returned is \$5.00 to \$10.00.



School Athletics Sports:

These will take place on Wednesday, 28 October for 9-13 year olds. They will commence at 9.45 a.m. and conclude at approximately 2.30 p.m. If you are available to assist in the running of the Sports can you please let the school Office know asap, phone 323-8849. Thank you.

Class Placements 2016:

If you have any **educational reasons** that we need to be aware of, please either email principal@belfast.school or write to Peter Simpson, Principal, outlining your educational request. The deadline for requests is Friday, 30 October.

Congratulations to:

- ♦ **Year 5 & 6 children** who wrote and recorded their play "Life is a Dream". To view a photo and Facebook post of the students who wrote this play and hear the podcast please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/plainsfm/photos/a.181940893053.152970.95658493053/10153773213788054/?type=1&theater>
- ♦ **Y5/6 Cricket team** who played St Patricks on Friday, 16 October and won 85-25. A great result, especially for the first game of the season.

Northwood Fair: Once again the school will be holding a Cake Stall, BBQ and Lucky Dips at the annual Northwood Fair on Sunday, 1 November starting at 10.30 a.m. Our Kapa haka, Choir and Jump Jam teams will be performing. Next week we will be sending home a tray asking for baking to sell at the Fair. Any home made 'goodies' would be really appreciated, thank you.





Daylight Saving: With the commencement of daylight saving it has been very noticeable that the children are tired. A small request that if you are able to adhere to the children's usual bed time it will ensure their capacity to learn and their ability to behave will be enhanced. Thank you.



Reminder - "Paint the Town Red" Mufti Day - this Friday, 23 October: Children are welcome to wear **'red' clothing** and **donate a gold coin** to support the charity "Radio Lollipop". This charity provides care, comfort and entertainment for children in hospital who are waiting for day surgery and/or emergency services. For more information visit their website www.radiolollipop.org

ASB Children's Banking Programme: Remember to bring your **ASB school banking envelope** to school. Any spare coins will do. Registration pamphlets can be collected from the school Office. Encourage good savings habits from an early age. Once your child is registered they will receive an exciting banking pack.



Reminder - 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 - In the playground at the weekend (17/18 October) a ring which has great sentimental value. If you find a ring please hand in to the school Office. Thank you.

Peter Simpson
Principal

PTA News

Northwood Fair - Sunday, 1 November - 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.:

- * We need your help with donating **"Lucky Dips"** prizes. It would be great if you could donate a prize suitable for a child's lucky dip, the value being between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Please bring into the school Office by Wednesday, 28 October.



- * Next week you will receive a baking tray and request to provide baking for the Cake Stall. It would be very much appreciated if you could fill this tray with some yummy baking i.e. cakes, loaves, biscuits, slices, or muffins, and/or Preserves. Please deliver your baking to the school Hall on Friday, 30 October between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m. Can you please clearly name what your baking is and thoroughly glad-wrap.

- * **Next PTA Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 28 October at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom. All Parents/Caregivers are most welcome.



NZ SHAKE OUT!

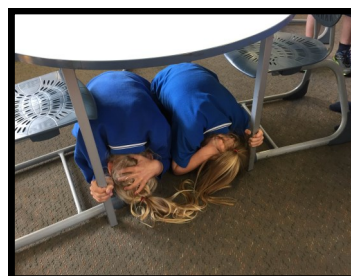
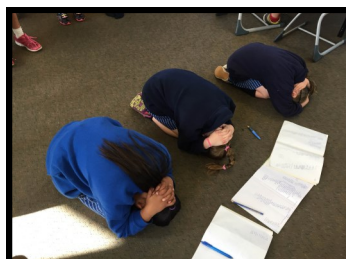
Thursday 15 October was New Zealand's largest ever earthquake drill. This took place at 9:15am! Everyone, everywhere should know the right action to take before, during and after an earthquake. All of New Zealand is prone to earthquakes. You could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes - at home, at work, at school, or on holiday. Belfast School took part and did the drop, cover and hold.



Today we had an earthquake drill. We had to go under a table and we had to hold the table until our teacher said.
By Ruby, Room 4



Today we had an earthquake drill and it was at 9:15am. We had to drop, cover and hold.
By Molly, Room 4



Rooms 11 and 21 practised their drop, cover and hold position during the Shake Out!

Congratulations Mrs Junghenn

Baby James William Junghenn
born on 1st of October.
Good luck Mr & Mrs Junghenn



Welcome back everyone! It's now Term Four, lets make this term the best one of the year! There is going to be lots of fun activities to do this term like athletics, swimming, trips and much more! Hope you had a great holiday and let you brains have a rest, but now is time to get your sleepy brains back into action!

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.
Albert Einstein

Believe you can and you're halfway there.
Theodore Roosevelt

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.
Helen Keller



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Peter Simpson

Board of Trustees Chairperson

David Cunliffe

Important Dates - October/November

Friday, 23	Mufti Day - gold coin donation
Monday, 26	Labour Day - School closed
Wednesday, 28	Y4-8 Athletics starting 9.45 am PTA meeting 7.00 pm
Thursday, 29	Postponement Y4-8 Athletics Maori Families Hui 7.00 pm
Friday, 30	NE Open Morning 9-10.30 am World Teachers Day!
Monday, 2	Assembly in the Hall at 2.15 pm

Belfast Stars

Honour Roll - 21 September

- Rm 1 Caitlyn Humphries
- Rm 2 Tyson Cole
- Rm 3 Shylah Angus
- Rm 4 Natalia Wineti
- Rm 5 Selena Weir
- Rm 6 Paige Clarke
- Rm 7 Zoe Macdonald
- Rm 8 Keela Connolly
- Rm 9 Joshua Edwards
- Rm 11 Lucas Harvey
- Rm 12 Zak Doyle
- Rm 13 Jemma Currey
- Rm 14 Scarlett Bishop
- Rm 15 Ruby Hart
- Rm 16 Roy Dempster
- Rm 17 Reed McHugh
- Rm 21 Hayden Cossar
- Rm 22 Eli Mundy
- Rm 23 Amy Lidgett



Community Notices

Belfast Rugby Football Club - 100 year Anniversary of playing! (Club founded in 1908). To be held in the Clubrooms, 18 March Place at Queens Birthday Weekend 2016.

The Club is calling all current and former members to register their interest as soon as possible to enable us to contact you with arranged activities that weekend.

To register your interest please **email your name and contact numbers asap to: belfastrugby100years@gmail.com** Or contact Glenda Spillane, Belfast Rugby Football Club Facility Manager, P.O. Box 76042, Northwood, Christchurch 8548. Club phone 323 8024 or 027 4359762 or Les McFadden 027 4633644.

Qualified Tailor new to the Belfast area. All sewing work includes made to measure, patterns not always necessary, alterations, repairs and re-modelling. Fast, friendly and affordable. Mention "Belfast School" and I will donate 10% of your bill to the school. Contact: Dot Weaver, 25 Thompsons Road, ph 323 7822 or 027 4054662.

Diva Rhythmic Gymnastics: is a combination of ballet, dance & gymnastics that uses handheld apparatus i.e. ribbon & ball. Great for confidence, strength & flexibility. Emphasis on fun & fitness, fantastic for developing co-ordination. We have classes for girls ages 4 & above for recreational & competitive classes. Based at The NZ Institute of Sport building, main gymnasium at 66b Wharenu Road, Riccarton. Please contact Bianca for more info at divargc@gmail.com or call 027 521 7220. Spaces are limited to ensure a good ratio of teachers and children.

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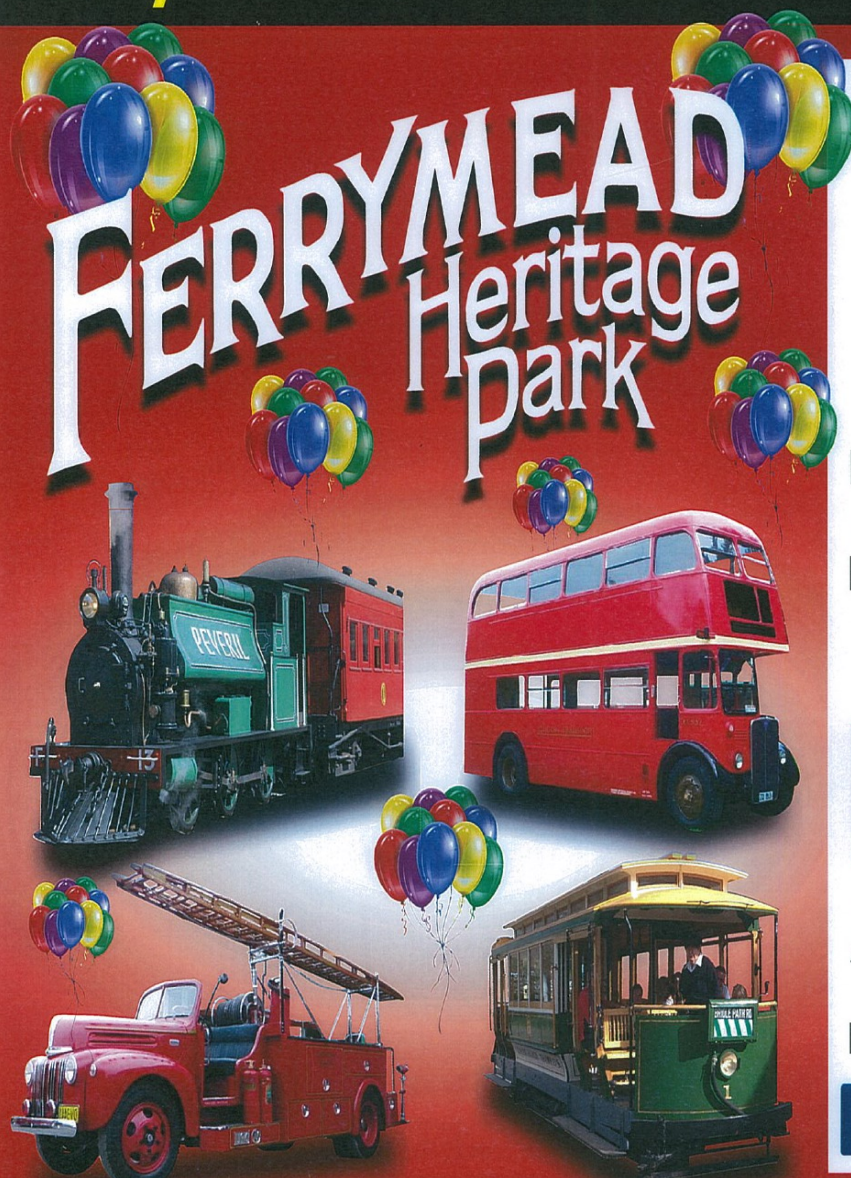
Spencer Park Surf Life Saving Club: Come and see us at Heyders Road, Spencerville (follow the signs at the end of the road to the Surf Club) to find out what Surf Life Saving is all about. We run programmes for children from 7 years of age and are a family friendly club. Visit www.spencerpark.co.nz for more information.



Unions Canterbury - Labour Day Picnic: Monday, 26 October, 12 noon to 2.00 p.m. at Hagley Park North (by Victoria Lake). FREE kids' activities: bouncy castle, face painting, sausage sizzle, spot prizes. Parking: Botanical Gardens carpark.

Grasshopper Soccer: All year round for ages 2-10! Term programmes - 8 weeks. For more information visit facebook.com/grasshoppersoccercanterburynorth or phone 021 1227666. Alternatively visit www.grasshoppersoccer.co.nz

Ferrymead celebrates it's 50th Anniversary



**Sun 25th &
Mon 26th Oct**
(Labour Weekend)
10am - 4.30pm

Come and join us as we celebrate Ferrymead's 50th birthday. Free train and tram rides, food, entertainment, heritage village, collections, museums and much much more. A great day out for the whole family.

**Admission
Prices Slashed**

50th Birthday Sunday & Monday
Adults, Seniors & Children ONLY \$15
Under 5 years - FREE
Family Pass \$40 (2 adults & 4 children)



50 Ferrymead Park Dr. Christchurch
ph 384-1970, www.ferrymead.org.nz

Community Notices

Starting School at Belfast

Friday 30th October
9:00-10:30 am
Please RSVP by
Monday 26th October



Thinking about school for your up and coming 5 year old? Come along to the School Office for a cuppa then we'll take you to meet the teachers and show you the classrooms in action.

- Hear about the wonderful programmes
- Meet the teachers
- See our lovely classrooms

Community Notices

Saturday, 31 October at Wylie Park, 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.

This fun afternoon out is an alternative to Halloween. \$2.00 gets a wrist band and access to all activities. FREE activities still available. Costume competition, bouncy castles and more. No scary costumes. All welcome.



Belfast North Elim Church is putting on a community party for our community:

Who's your hero? Party. Family Fun! With games, craft, bouncy castle, face painting and more ... at Christchurch North Elim, 803 Main North Road, Belfast on Saturday, 31 October, 5-7 p.m. Donation please. Come along dressed as your favourite 'Hero'. (No Halloween costumes please). Children bring your Parents/Grandparents.

Big Science Day - 31 October: All day in Cathedral Square. Science Alive! Invites families back into the heart of Christchurch with the Big Science Day; an all-day FREE Science and Technology extravaganza, suitable for adults, 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 our community. For more info visit www.bigscienceday.co.nz

Gluten Free Food & Allergy Show: Is being held at the Pioneer Recreation & Sport Centre in Spreydon, 10am to 5pm over the weekend of 31 October and 1 November. For more information visit www.glutenallergy.co.nz

CHRISTCHURCH 31 Oct-1 Nov 2015

GLUTEN FREE FOOD & ALLERGY SHOW

www.glutenallergy.co.nz

NEW TO CHRISTCHURCH:

FOOD DEMONSTRATION ROOM!

Pioneer Rec & Sport Centre,
Spreydon, Christchurch
10am-5pm

ONLY \$10 ENTRY

Children under 10 FREE! AND discount for senior citizens



Car Boot Sale: Saturday, 7 November at Christchurch North Elim Church carpark, 801b Main North Road, Belfast. Parking behind Church. Cost \$5.00 per car. 8.30 a.m. set up. Starts 10am to 1pm. Cake stall, hot food, lucky dip, bric a brac, clothing and much more. All enquiries to Karen Fraser 029 7777533. This is a fundraiser for Real Steps Trust.

"A Walk in the Park" - Get Out and Get Active! Starting Monday, 2 November. Every Monday night at Sheldon Park, 5.30-7.30 p.m. join us at the Belfast Community Network. Walk or run our park track as many times as you want by yourself or with friends. We will have refreshments, music and different programmes for you to try at your leisure. For more details contact Arne Burgess on phone 022 6382428.

