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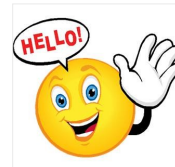
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Newsletter

4 November
2015

A very special welcome to our new pupils:

Alexander Maddock, Joshua Hurford, Mitchell Stacey, Stirling Lumb and Ethan Clarke.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Northwood Fair: Thank you to everyone who contributed or helped at the Northwood Fair last Sunday. Once again the weather treated us kindly, apart from the easterly! A great time was had by all. The undoubted highlight of the entertainment was provided by the Belfast School Kapa Haka group, the school Choir and the four Jump Jam teams. We raised \$1,386.00, a great effort by the PTA team in organising the day.

North Zones Athletics: Congratulations to those children who qualified for the North Zone Athletics which were to have been held today at Rawhiti Domain. Unfortunately due to the weather they have been postponed to Tuesday, 10 November. All the very best in your events. We had to abandon our Senior Athletics Sports last Wednesday. We nearly completed the rotations on Friday afternoon, but ran out of time. A huge thank you to all those involved in organising and running the sports.

Jump Jam National Finals: Good luck to the four Jump Jam teams who are participating in the N.Z. Primary School National Championships this Saturday. The finals are being held at the St Margaret's Auditorium. You will be amazing! A big thank you to Mrs Hurdle, Mrs Philips and Miss McCoy for all their efforts in training the teams.

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 - "Getting Urgent": Can you please have a search in your children's rooms, book cases, lounge etc for any school reading books. We are getting quite low on our numbers and this means that some children **do not** have a copy of their next book at their reading level. Please return any found books asap - no questions asked.

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 well under way for trips this Term.

All Blacks: Children are welcome to come to school on Thursday, 5 November dressed in "BLACK" to support the All Blacks in celebrating their Rugby World Cup win.

2016 Classes: We are beginning the process of class placements for 2016 this week. If you know your child/children are not returning to Belfast School next year, for whatever reason, can you please let the Office/Principal know asap, either by email principal@belfast.school.nz or phone 323 8849. Thank you.



"Paint the Town Red" Mufti Day:

Well done everyone, the children raised \$484.20!

That is a great result.



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.

Children Turning 5 Years Old!

If you have a child turning **5 between now and December 2016**, and who will be attending Belfast School, please enrol your child. We need to know how many 5 year olds are starting next year so we can organise our New Entrant classes. Please phone Sally on 323 8849 or email principal@belfast.school.nz to make an appointment to meet with Peter Simpson - Principal.

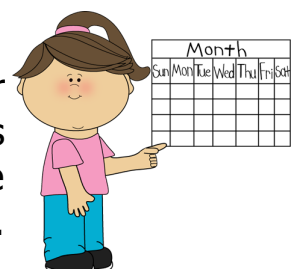
Thank you to: The Warehouse for their generous donation to the school. When school uniform items are purchased the school receives a small rebate which is very much appreciated.

Sheldon Park Pool Keys for the 2015/16 Swimming Season: Look out for the notice coming home tomorrow re sale of 'swipe' keys for the pool.

Peter Simpson
Principal

PTA News

- * **Northwood Fair - Update:** Thank you to all the Parents/Caregivers for their support with baking and providing prizes for the lucky dip.
- * **Calendar Orders:** Order forms for 2016 Calendars with your child's artwork on were sent home on Tuesday. The children's artwork can be viewed in the school Office. Calendars are \$10.00 each and orders will close on Thursday, 26 November. Sorry we are unable to accept EFTPOS, cash or cheque only.



Belfast School Entertains the Northwood Fair!

Last Sunday was the Northwood Fair. There were lots of awesome stalls including Belfast School's Baking Stall, Sausage Sizzle, Lucky Dip and Raffle. A big thank you to all those families that brought along home baking and contributed to the Lucky Dip prizes, they were fantastic! Also a big thank you to the PTA committee for all their hard work in organising and helping out on the day. We managed to raise \$1386.00 for the school - Yay!

The highlight of the day was the spectacular performances by the Kapa Haka, Jump Jam Teams and the Choir. We would like to wish the Jump Jam teams all the best for the National competition on Saturday—we will be cheering for you all!!!



Paint the town red !!

On Friday 23rd October Belfast School painted the school red! The whole school came together dressed in red and brought a gold coin to fundraise for Radio Lollipop. The \$484.20 that was raised will go towards care, comfort, play and entertainment for children who are in hospital. A great effort Belfast School, every little helps!





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Important Dates - October/November

Thursday, 5	Dress up in "Black" Year 7 Leadership Day
Saturday, 7	Jump Jam teams at Nationals
Monday, 9	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
Tuesday, 10	LMS Athletics 1.30pm
Wednesday, 11	JNR to A&P Show
Friday, 13	Show Day - School closed
Monday, 16	Assembly in the Hall 2.15pm

Belfast Stars

Honour Roll - 4 November

- ★ Rm 1 Decan Ineson
- ★ Rm 2 Ruby Anderson
- ★ Rm 3 Lucy Jenkins
- ★ Rm 4 Noah Millar
- ★ Rm 5 Isaiah Millar
- ★ Rm 6 LJ Devlin
- ★ Rm 7 Sophie Philpott
- ★ Rm 8 Isaac Smits
- ★ Rm 9 Noah Whitfield
- ★ Rm 11 Ella Paget
- ★ Rm 12 Caley Erasmus
- ★ Rm 13 Bronsen Mackley-Flutey
- ★ Rm 14 Kieran Inwood
- ★ Rm 15 Emily Harris
- ★ Rm 16 Summer Fail
- ★ Rm 17 McKenzie Bailey-McDowell
- ★ Rm 21 Logan Hill
- ★ Rm 22 Eli Mundy
- ★ Rm 23 Kiara Harrison



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 Wharenuui 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.



Community Notices

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.



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.



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

Dear parents/caregivers,

I am looking forward to presenting some wonderful awards in your school during whole school assemblies this term. Some of the award guidelines are:

Playing safely & fairly at home & at school; preventing or stopping bullying; reporting graffiti or vandalism; helping neighbours especially if they are sick or elderly; caring for the environment by cleaning up streets, parks, playgrounds & beaches; doing voluntary work in the community; demonstrating honesty by taking any keys, wallets, credit cards, etc that have been found to the school office or the local Police Station; helping a lost or injured animal, etc. Nomination forms can be filled in on line – www.nscanterbury.nz & click onto the ‘Junior’ section & then click onto ‘Apply Online.’ There are also nomination forms in your school foyer next to the white Junior Neighbourhood Support letterbox. Students can be nominated for awards by you, other students, staff at school, neighbours & people out in the community. Acknowledging positive behaviour is very exciting & rewarding.

Take care,

Andrea – co-ordinator for Junior Neighbourhood Support in Canterbury.



Community Notices

AIR FORCE MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND – Holiday Programmes

Bookings are now open for the Air Force Museum's December 2015 and January 2016 OSCAR-endorsed school holiday programmes!

December 'Christmas Truce' – Runs: 17-23 December

Following the story of Snoopy, children will fight off the Red Baron through some fun, active missions and then explore aspects of the Christmas truce in World War One as alluded to in the song, "Snoopy's Christmas".

January 'Dig for Victory' – Runs 18-29 January

Explore all the aspects of life on the home front and abroad during World War Two through a huge variety of missions, challenges, construction and games.

Ages: 5 -12

Cost: Half day: \$25, Full day: \$35, Full week: \$170

Bookings Essential: Please contact the Public Programmes Team on 03 343 9504 or email programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz



(A snap shot of the great fun we had last school holidays – Air Raid Shelter)