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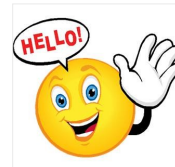
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Newsletter

18 November
2015

A very special welcome to our new pupils:

Hussain Nawrozi and Elham Nawrozi.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

North Zones Athletics: Congratulations to everyone who participated in the North Zones on Tuesday, 10 November. We now have 23 children who will be attending the Centrals at Ashburton on Wednesday, 2 December, a fabulous result.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the school Speeches last night, the topics were extremely interesting and very well presented. Well done everyone. The results are:

Year 5: 1st Alex Newman, 2nd Olivia Bell

Year 6: 1st Amelia Botting, 2nd Kendal White

Year 7: 1st Josh Mason, 2nd Teagan Johnson

Year 8: 1st Zeke de Gouw, 2nd Georgia Nicholls.

Swimming - Togs: As Sheldon Pool opened during Show weekend, we will be slowly, weather dependant, introducing swimming back into our curriculum programmes. Can you please ensure that your child brings their swimming gear to school every day, thank you.



Phones - Sickness: When your child is going to be away from school, for any reason, can you please ring the school and leave a message stating your child's name, room number and reason why they will be absent. If your child is away and we do not know why, then we will make contact with you via a phone call. We do this for safety reasons. Most of our phone calls to our Parents/Caregivers are to a cellphone which costs us to make these calls. To the end of Term 3 we are spending an average of \$180.00 per month making these calls, that is an annual amount of \$2,160 which is 108 hours of Teacher Aide support OR 216 new library books OR 5 Mini iPads that your children are missing out on. **PLEASE** ring the school Office on 323 8849 and leave a message. Karen can often spend 30 minutes a day making these calls!

Summer Security: As the evenings draw out with summer, we would appreciate it if you are walking through the school grounds, playing touch etc, that you keep an eye on the school grounds. If you see or suspect any activity that you feel could end up causing malicious damage, please call our security company Triton on 366 6666. There are numerous signs in the school with this number on it. Thank you, it's your community school.

Mufti Day tomorrow: Children are invited to dress in mufti tomorrow Thursday, 19 November! We are having an 'animal-themed' mufti day i.e. animal print, animal character etc. We request that children donate a **gold coin**. **NB** The Juniors will dress up on Friday, 20/11 due to the postponement of their Athletics.



"Swipe Keys" for Sheldon Park Pool available now: 'Swipe keys' can be purchased from the school Office - Monday to Friday during the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. until Friday, 11 December. You will be able to access the pool after school, at the weekends and during the Christmas school holidays.



The cost of the 'swipe key' is \$70.00 plus \$20.00 refundable bond, a total of \$90.00 for the season. Key holders will be eligible for a refund of the bond if the 'swipe key' is returned to the school Office by 31 March 2016. A rental agreement and pool rules are to be read and signed at the time of purchasing a 'swipe key'. Please note: One 'swipe key' per family.



SUNSMART FACT

Cover-up 10 until 4
Protect yourself from the sun between 10am and 4pm during school terms one and four.



Cancer Society
Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa



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.

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.



Scooters: Can you **please** reinforce with your child that if they bring a scooter to school they must **WALK** it in the school grounds. We have too many close calls around children and adults being hit. Any children caught riding their scooter in the school grounds before and after school risk it being confiscated. Thanks for your support.

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 as we are in the process of organising 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.

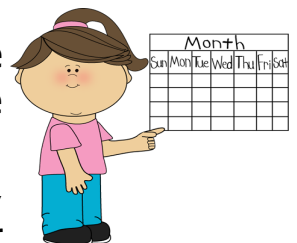
Peter Simpson
Principal

PTA News

* **Calendar Orders:** Reminder to place your order. The children's artwork can be viewed in the school Office and make awesome Christmas presents for grandparents, relatives etc. Calendars are \$10.00 each and orders will **close on Thursday, 26 November**. Sorry we are unable to accept EFTPOS, cash or cheque only.

* **Subway Lunch:** An order form was sent home yesterday. Place your order at the Hall between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m. on Monday/Tuesday, 23/24 November. This is for lunch on Thursday, 26 November.

* **PTA Meeting:** Wednesday, 25 November in the Staffroom starting at 7.00 p.m.



Juniors Trip to A & P SHOW



Last Wednesday the Juniors went to the Christchurch A & P show. It was a chilly day but they still managed to have a lot of fun! Here are some recounts from their trip.



I went to the A & P show. There was motorbikes that did tricks.
By Scott Gilby

I went to the A & P show. I liked the horses and guinea pigs.
By Savarnah Hewson

On Wednesday we went to the A & P Show. First we went for morning tea. Then we went to go to see the animals. After that we had lunch. After lunch we went to go to see the horses jumping over the jumps and there was a hill there. Room One rolled down the hill. It was fun.

By Olivia Johnston



Yesterday I went to the A & P Show. I saw poos everywhere, it was from the calf. I found horses, cows and little chicks at the show. I got a tattoo.
By Alex Zhou



On Wednesday we went to the A&P Show with the Juniors and New Entrants. We got to see heaps of things. We left on the bus at 9 o'clock. My Dad was a helper! When we arrived we had morning tea while we were watching Super Sam. I was with Taylah, Sophie and my Dad. It was amazing. We went to the grey shed and saw heaps of animals. The sheep felt as fluffy as clouds. I got an ASB balloon and it popped! Then Sophie's popped with a loud bang! My Dad, me, Sophie and Taylah went to see the motor bike tricks, they were amazing people. We went back onto the bus. I felt tired and happy!
By Cate Donaldson-Scott



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Peter Simpson

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David Cunliffe

Important Dates - Nov./Dec.

Thurs. 19	Mufti Day - Gold coin donation
Wed. 25	PTA meeting at 7.00 p.m.
Thurs. 26	PTA eoy fundraiser/Subway lunch
Tues. 1	UMS eoy Fun Day/Picnic
Tues. 1	Rotary Speeches
Wed. 2	Centrals Athletics Zones
Fri. 4	House Colour afternoon

Belfast Stars

Honour Roll - 16 November

- Rm 1 James Hammond
- Rm 2 Noah Wilson
- Rm 3 Rylen Parrett
- Rm 4 Callum Gussette
- Rm 5 Noah Liu
- Rm 6 Ashley Roberts
- Rm 7 Kielan Nowley
- Rm 8 Ruby-May Maddock
- Rm 9 Jordan Inwood
- Rm 11 Toby Jenkins
- Rm 12 Spencer Ford
- Rm 13 Brooklyn Petersen-Reynolds
- Rm 14 Olivia Bell
- Rm 15 Aidan Murphy
- Rm 16 Amelia Botting
- Rm 17 Marianne Tagimacruz
- Rm 21 Max Parkinson
- Rm 22 Louie Copeland
- Rm 23 Omid Haidari



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.

MUSIC LESSONS: Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Ukulele, Recorder. Maree Thom is a local music teacher, visit her website to receive your FREE TRIAL LESSON! www.mareethom.co.nz or phone

Community Notices

“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.



Jete Dance - opening January 2016 - Enquire now: Classes will be held at Marshland School Hall for the following: Jazz, Acro, Ballet, Hip Hop, Break Dance etc for Pre-school and School aged children plus Adults. For more information email jete.dance@outlook.com or phone Laura on 027 4498992.



XMas
FOOTBALL CAMP

AGE: U6 - U16

CHRISTCHURCH FOOTBALL ACADEMY

21-23 DECEMBER 2015

LEARN THE BRASILIAN WAY
Guest Coach: Fernando Lambert
Register at www.cfa.org.nz



BACK TO SCHOOL FOOTBALL CAMP

WANT MORE FOOTBALL?

AFTER THE XMAS CAMP IS OVER
AND ITS JUST ABOUT TIME
TO HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL,
CFA IS OFFERING
ANOTHER FOUR HOLIDAY CAMPS
FOR KIDS AGED BETWEEN 6 AND 16

CAMP DATES:
18 & 19 JANUARY
21 & 22 JANUARY
25 & 26 JANUARY
28 & 29 JANUARY

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT
WWW.CFA.ORG.NZ

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)



Community Notices

Tell us what's important to you !

The Metro Sports Facility will be the second largest of its kind in Australasia, offering an impressive range of fun, fitness and sport options for the Christchurch community. It'll be close to Hagley Park – easy to get to by car or bus, on your bike, feet or skates.

We are aiming to have the Metro Sports Facility fully open in March 2020. With the design process beginning soon we want to know what is important to you and your family.

To get the Leisure Pool Area (the swimming pools used for fun) right for everyone, we need your help. [Give us your ideas](#) on how to make this facility great. You can take the survey, share ideas and describe what you have enjoyed about similar places or take a quick poll and see what's trending.

Comment closes Sunday 13 December 2015 - ccdu.govt.nz/metropools

No. 18 Squadron is recruiting!

No. 18 Squadron, a member of the New Zealand Cadet Forces is currently recruiting for Year 8 and 9 boys and girls to join our Unit. We parade on a Tuesday evening at the Wigram Airbase. We are part of the oldest youth organisation in New Zealand and provide training in flying, shooting, bushcraft and provide a perfect opportunity for youth to experience what life would be like in the New Zealand Defence Force. More information can be found at 18sqn.cadetforces.org.nz or facebook.com/18sqn

Anna Lee School of Dance - Early bird enrolment offer!

Special offer to first time pupils - 10% discount for students new to the school for Term 1, 2016. Choose a class from preschool, contemporary, hip hop, ballet or jazz. **Plus** a no risk guarantee - attend the first lesson and if it's not your thing you can cancel your enrolment at no cost. **Plus** 15% discount off your Term 2, 2016 class. **Plus** two free tickets to our 2015 recital worth up to \$60.00.

Some terms and conditions apply including: Offer open until 30 November 2015. Offer is not available to current students or students who have enrolled in the last 6 months and is subject to class and space availability.

For more information call us on 354 6228 or email office@annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz
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