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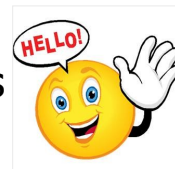
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Newsletter

2 December
2015

A very special welcome to our new pupil:

Tiana Knox who takes our roll to 500, our highest number of pupils since before the earthquakes!



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Congratulations to our students who participated in the **Rotary speeches** last night, you were all amazing and you were all placed **‘first’** in your Year levels. Belfast School is very proud of your achievements:

Y5: Alex Newman

Y6: Amelia Botting

Y7: Josh Mason

Y8: Zeke de Gouw



Well Done to our New Entrants and Junior children who did so well in their recent Athletics competition. The following children were the top girl/boy in their room:

Room 1: Ariana, Scott

Room 2: Kaliah, Kingston, Sebastian

Room 3: Marco, Shylah

Room 4: Crystal, Tyler, Natalia

Room 5: Willow, Tasman, Isaiah

Room 6: Dusky, Yasaman, Isaac

Room 7: Cassidy, Campbell

Congratulations to: Hugh Fergusson in Rm 23 who has been selected to play in the Year 7 Canterbury Cricket team. Well done Hugh, we know you will play well!

House Colour Day - Friday, 4 December in the afternoon: Children are welcome to wear their House t-shirts for this day. We are going to conclude the afternoon with the Athletics House relay out on Sheldon Park at 2.30 p.m.

End of Year Reports (for Y4-8 children) and 2016 Class placement letters will be coming home with your child on Monday, 14 December. We are very pleased with the students academic results this year. Please look for this information in your child's school bag.

Years 1-3 Children 2016 Class placement letters will be sent home with your child on Monday, 14 December.

End of Year Arrangements: The final day for the school year for the **Year 1-7** children will be Tuesday, 15 December. For the **Year 1-4** children their finish is at 3.00 p.m.; for the **Year 5-7** children it is after their Prizegiving Assembly at 7.00 p.m. that night. Attendance at this Assembly is compulsory. For the **Year 8** children their last day is the morning of Wednesday, 16 December where they get to help the Teachers to move classrooms, and spend some special time together before heading to High School next year.

Prizegiving Assemblies/Times:

New Entrants (Rooms 1-3): 9.45 a.m.

Juniors (Rooms 4-7): 11.30 a.m.

Lower Middles (Rooms 8-13): 1.30 p.m.

Upper Middles & Seniors (R14-23): 7.00 p.m.



“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.** 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. It is against the agreement you signed to let anyone into the Pool who is not part of your family. Letting your child aged under 16 years enter the Pool on their own also breaks the agreement you will have signed. If a child under 16 years of age is discovered in the Pool without an adult, this will mean the key being taken from them.

2016 Term Dates:

Term 1 1 February to 15 April

Term 2 2 May to 8 July

Term 3 25 July to 23 September

Term 4 10 October to 15 December

Thank you to everyone who donated all the **lovely gifts for the Christmas boxes** for those less fortunate. We filled 9 boxes and are sure that these gifts will put a smile on many faces this Christmas. We hope to do this again next year.



Reminder - 2016 Stationery Pack Orders: Please be aware that all orders (including payment) must be into the school Office by **Friday, 11 December.**

All Library Books to be returned to school by Friday, 4 December. Any library books not returned will be invoiced for replacement. Thank you for your support.

School Lunches: Last day that children can purchase lunches this year will be **Friday, 11 December.**

Last Day that Eftpos will be available in the School Office: Will be **Tuesday, 15 December.** We will be closing our Eftpos facility at **3.30 p.m.**

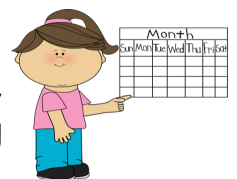
Children Turning 5 Years Old!

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

PTA News

- * **Calendar Orders:** Thank you to everyone who ordered calendars, the children’s artwork is stunning. The PTA ladies will be printing these and sending them home with your child in the next week.

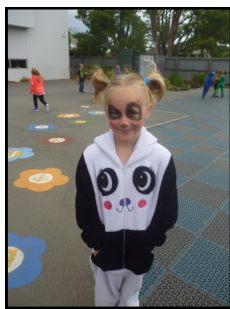


- * **Sausages/Bacon Butties Lunch:** Reminder to those children who have ordered a sausage or bacon buttie, this is for lunch on Friday, 4 December.



ANIMAL MUFTI DAY!

Last week the whole school had a spectacular animal mufti day! The students came to school dressed as animals or in animal print, this tied in with the Junior's inquiry theme where they are learning about different animal habitats. The money raised from the day goes towards the little extras for the Junior Syndicate. Thank you for supporting them.



Rotary Speech Competition

On Tuesday the 1st of December four students from Years 5-8 proudly represented Belfast School in the Rotary Speech Competition. All four got 1st place when competing against schools such as Marshlands, Ouruhia, St Patricks Kaiapoi, Redwood and Kaiapoi North.

Alex Newman's speech was about 'Let kids vote' and presented some passionate reasons why kids should get to vote on the proposals for the New Zealand flag. Amelia Botting wrote and delivered a speech about the trials and tribulations of going to the 'Dentist'. Josh Mason made a convincing speech about 'Smart Phone Wars' between Apple and Samsung, and Zeke De Gouw raised some interesting points when arguing about New Zealand Vs Australia. Well done to a clean sweep for Belfast School, we are very proud of all four of our representatives!

SWIM and SUN SAFETY!

With the summer holidays not far away we have been learning about swim safety, such as how to keep your self afloat for a long period of time. We have had a lot of hot days lately and its been nice to be able to hop into the pool and cool down, but not first thing in the morning, brrrrrr.....!

Remember to bring your togs each day and some sunscreen to reapply after your swimming session. We need to be safe in the water and safe in the sun!





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David Cunliffe

Important Dates - December

Friday, 4	House Colour Day afternoon
Monday, 7	Celebration Assembly 2.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 9	NE/JNR Fun Day LMS trip to Quail Island
Thursday, 10	Year 8 Graduation Dinner
Tuesday, 15	Prizegiving Assemblies Last day for Years 1-7
Monday, 1 Feb.	Term 1 commences

Belfast Stars

Assembly - 30 November

- ★ Rm 1 Archie Cole
- ★ Rm 2 Evie Banks
- ★ Rm 3 Jacob O'Connell
- ★ Rm 4 Dezaiah Whiunui
- ★ Rm 5 Milly Dellow
- ★ Rm 6 Charlie Rich
- ★ Rm 7 Edmund Lumb
- ★ Rm 8 Zoe Porteous
- ★ Rm 9 Joshua Nicolson
- ★ Rm 11 Seb Hewson
- ★ Rm 12 Gabriel Holland
- ★ Rm 13 Mackenzie Stewart
- ★ Rm 14 Flynn Allison
- ★ Rm 15 Emma Nicolson
- ★ Rm 16 Kendal White
- ★ Rm 17 Jayden Trieu
- ★ Rm 21 Naomi Strydom
- ★ Rm 22 Nikita Tozer
- ★ Rm 23 Josh Mason



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 **y o u r F R E E T R I A L LESSON!** www.mareethom.co.nz or phone 021 260 9899.



Community Notices

FREE ECE Edukids Styx Mill - 109 Northwood Boulevard:

Current promotions include - FREE Van pick up and drop off, 20 hours free for children over 2 and 50% of fees if you enrol before 18 December. We are open from 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. For more information please phone Jen, Assistant Manager on 323 7838.

OSCAR Holiday Programme:

The OSCAR programme held in the Belfast Community Network building will run from Monday, 11 to Friday, 29 January 2016. Costs: \$35.00 per day including activities! Brochures and booking forms are available at the Belfast Community Network building or on our website www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz

December 2015 Programmes

Mainland Football Xmas fun:

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 21, 22, 23 December

Times: 9-00am - 3-00pm

Venue: ASB Football Park

Cost: \$35 per day (\$90 for three consecutive days)

For more information visit: www.mainlandfootball.co.nz

Create great Christmas memories! Visit the Christmas Grotto, where you will journey through a series of animated and static displays depicting a number of different Christmas themes. It is a fun-filled experience for people of ALL AGES. The Christmas Grotto is open to the public from the 15th to the 24th of December Group bookings are available from the 7th to the 10th of December The Christmas Grotto is located at South West Baptist Church 244 Lyttelton Street, Spreydon, Christchurch. For further information visit www.christmasgrotto.org.nz www.facebook.com/christmasgrotto or call 338 4163



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

Surfkids Summer Holiday Programme - Sumner and New Brighton:

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team for children 8-14 years. Sundays at 10am—12 noon; School holidays 10am—12 noon; Dec/Jan 18, 20-24 December, 27-31 December; 11-15, 18-22 and 25-28 January. Cost \$30.00 per day or \$135.00 for five. Bookings essential. Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at www.surfcoach.co.nz

Carols in the Square - Saturday 12 December - Cathedral Square 4-7pm Come and join us in the heart of our beautiful city to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas! 4:00pm: enjoy live music, FREE kids face-painting, bouncy castles, kids games and craft stalls 6:00pm: Christmas carols concert There will be a number of food stalls selling delicious food, or if you prefer pack your own picnic! Just bring a rug or deck chair, your finest voice and your friends and family. Carols in the Square 12 December - Cathedral Square Gladly brought to you by Christchurch St John's Anglican Church www.stjohnschch.org

Community Notices

Reading Cinemas - School Reward Programme:

Attached are the School Reward coupons and we would ask that you hand these in when purchasing movie tickets at Reading Cinemas.

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Community Notices

The Mind Lab Summer School holiday programme:

Visit our link:

<http://themindlab.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/SHP-DEC-JAN-CHCH-7.pdf>



Please note our Summer School Holiday programme is now available to book online. When you see what we are offering you will understand that places are limited and that they will fill very quickly so book now to avoid disappointment.

The holiday programme commences with two days prior to the Christmas break, namely 21 and 22 December and then from Tuesday 12 January through till Friday 29 January.

If you would also like us to offer a school holiday programme in the week PRIOR to the 21 December please reply to this email and let us know which dates you are interested in. Should we receive sufficient interest, we will endeavour to run the sessions in that week.

Bookings are made on our website with payment securing a place. Payment is by paypal or by calling into the lab. You can book here: <http://themindlab.com/booking-christchurch/>

PAPANUI HIGH SCHOOL TERM 1 2016 NIGHTCLASSES:

It is nearly time to make those New Year resolutions so why not begin 2016 by taking some time for yourself and joining one of the wide range of nightclasses that are on offer at Papanui High School.

The start of a new year is the ideal opportunity to get inspired to get out and learn something new and meet some new people? Classes for Term 1 begin from Tuesday 9 February and the options are extensive 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 or telephone our office on 3520701.

Sport Canterbury - December 2015 and January 2016 Holiday Programme fun!

The Christmas school holidays are approaching fast.... Sport Canterbury have action packed programmes with exciting activities and awesome excursions! Pre-Christmas programme bookings are open now and January programme bookings open Monday, 30 November.

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/>