



# Belfast School

care I share I learn I grow

## Newsletter

9 December  
2015

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

*Hayley Pham* - We have ended the year with a roll of 501 pupils!



Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Farewells:** At this time of the year we have to farewell several Staff members. We wish them all the very best for their new adventures and thank them very much for everything they have done for Belfast School. Mrs Louise Mackay, after 7 years with us and three children! Louise has won a position at the new St Francis of Assisi School. Mrs Judith Short, is going to spend more time with her family, and we wish her all the very best. Happy gardening! Mrs Becks Teague, as some of you know she is having twins early next year. We wish Becks and Simon all the very best for their safe arrival. Katrina Bryce, Sharmaine Hill, Joanne Mackley and Karen Howie-Gayton are also leaving and we wish them all the very best.

**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** (Rooms 1-23) 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.

**Staffing 2016:** Our Staffing for 2016 is now finalised.

| Syndicate                        | Room | Teacher                               | Year Level |
|----------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>New Entrants/<br/>Juniors</b> | 1    | Miss Jess McCoy                       | 1          |
|                                  | 2    | Mrs Ilisa Kearns (Syndicate Leader)   | 1          |
|                                  | 4    | Miss Lydia Harris                     | 1          |
|                                  | 5    | Mrs Becky Beattie & Ms Rachel Morrall | 1/2        |
|                                  | 6    | Mrs Helen Bancroft                    | 1/2        |
|                                  | 7    | Miss Brittany Baxter                  | 1/2        |
| <b>Lower Middles</b>             | 9    | Mrs Jacqui Page                       | 3/4        |
|                                  | 10   | Mrs Julie Winton                      | 3/4        |
|                                  | 11   | Mrs Rebecca Philips                   | 3          |
|                                  | 12   | Mr Steve Ayers                        | 4          |
|                                  | 13   | Mrs Anne Lynskey (Syndicate Leader)   | 3/4        |
| <b>Upper Middles</b>             | 14   | Miss Alice Woodcock                   | 5/6        |
|                                  | 15   | Miss Lydia Dufour                     | 5/6        |
|                                  | 16   | Mrs Linda Berryman (Syndicate Leader) | 5/6        |
|                                  | 17   | Mrs Tracey McLaughlin                 | 5/6        |
|                                  | 18   | Miss Anna Truesdale                   | 5/6        |
| <b>Seniors</b>                   | 21   | Miss Louise Lynch                     | 7/8        |
|                                  | 22   | Miss Amy Hurndell                     | 7/8        |
|                                  | 23   | Mr Dave Sutherland (Syndicate Leader) | 7/8        |



**End of Year Prizegiving Assemblies:** We would love you to join us on **Tuesday, 15 December** to celebrate as we recognise outstanding achievers and achievements from 2015. The Prizegiving Assemblies will be held in the Hall, times are listed on page 3.

**“Swipe Keys” for Sheldon Park Pool** available now **until 3.00 p.m. Friday, 11 December:** The cost of the ‘swipe key’ is \$70.00 plus a \$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.



**Congratulations to the following pupils** who made it through for Canterbury Touch:

- ♦ **Aleesha Cummings** in Room 23 - Under 13 Mixed Team
- ♦ **Conor Pilkington** in Room 23 - Under 13 Boys team
- ♦ **Zarnia de Gouw** in Room 15 - Under 11 Girls Team.

Good luck with your games!

**Last chance to order 2016 Stationery Packs:** Please be aware that all orders (including payment) must be into the school Office by **Friday, 11 December**. **Remember to collect** your child’s stationery from the Hall on Thursday, 28 January 2016 between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

**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.**

### 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

**Do you have a child turning 5 years of age in the next 12 months?** If your child is turning 5 soon can you please contact Sally on 323-8849 to check if an Enrolment form has been completed for your child.

Thank you all for your support and contribution this year which is very much appreciated. Have a lovely family time this Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. See you all next year on Monday, 1 February!

**Peter Simpson**  
**Principal**



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### Principal

Peter Simpson

### Board of Trustees Chairperson

Dave Cunniffe

## Important Dates - December

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Thursday 10            | Year 8 Graduation Dinner 6 pm  |
| Monday 14              | EOY Reports and 2016 Class Placement letters home today  |
| Tuesday 15             | <b>Last day</b> for Year 1-7 children in Rooms 1-23<br><b>Prizegiving Assemblies in the Hall:</b><br>New Entrants R1-3: 9.45 a.m.<br>Juniors R4-7: 11.30 a.m.<br>Lower Middles R8-13: 1.30 p.m.<br>Upper Middles and Seniors R14-23: 7.00 p.m. |
| Wednesday 16           | <b>Y8's only</b> finish at 12 noon   |
| Monday 1 February 2016 | Term 1 commences at 8.55 a.m.  |

## Belfast Stars

### Term 4 - 7 December

|         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| ★ Rm 1  | Charlotte Kearns |
| ★ Rm 2  | Blake Walker     |
| ★ Rm 3  | Chelsey Attwood  |
| ★ Rm 4  | Tyson Trenberth  |
| ★ Rm 5  | Kayne Batstone   |
| ★ Rm 6  | Emma Hunt        |
| ★ Rm 7  | Tonga Strickland |
| ★ Rm 8  | Cohan Max        |
| ★ Rm 9  | Benjamin Rowe    |
| ★ Rm 11 | Brayden Taylor   |
| ★ Rm 12 | Madison Sharland |
| ★ Rm 13 | Aden Thompson    |
| ★ Rm 14 | Olivia Bell      |
| ★ Rm 15 | Hayley Woods     |
| ★ Rm 16 | Briar Macdonald  |
| ★ Rm 17 | Mason Sadlier    |
| ★ Rm 21 | Jacob Davis      |
| ★ Rm 22 | Harley Hewson    |
| ★ Rm 23 | Laxmi Adhikari   |



**Dental Care during the School Holidays:**

At any time phone our 0800 number (0800 846 983) for information on how to access dental care, including emergency care.



In addition, the Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service in January 2016. 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, 18th January to Friday, 29th January 2016 (excluding weekends).

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing the number above.

*Christmas Day*

**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
Belfast Community Network  
Sheldon Park, Main North Road  
**From 8-9.30am**

*A Community Event!  
Delicious Freshly Cooked Food!  
Lots of Fun!  
Great Company!*

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

For more information  
contact the Belfast  
Community Network  
Phone : 3239731

 **Belfast Community Network Inc**  
Supporting our community as it grows  
Tautokohia to Iwi Kainga i Tana Tipuranga

**December 2015 Programmes****Mainland Football Xmas fun**

**Age:** 7-14 year olds.

**Dates:** 21, 22, 23 December 2015

**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](http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz)

**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](http://www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz)





**Proudly Presents**  
**101 Dalmatians**



Written by Doddie Smith and Directed by Fay Barnes

Merrin Primary School, 41 Merrin St, Avonhead,  
Christchurch

**09 Jan to 16 Jan 2016**

Saturday and Sunday shows at 11.00am & 2.00pm.

Monday to Friday Shows at 6.30pm

Tickets at gate: \$8.00pp.

Children under 3 free.

Family concession \$25.00 (2 adults & 2 Children)

Find us on Be There Christchurch Events <http://www.bethere.co.nz/event/22076>

Refreshment available

As this is an outdoor event please be Sun Smart

<http://act2drama.co.nz>

**schooltex VIP Night!**

**the warehouse //**  
*where everyone gets a bargain*

Dear Belfast School Parents

You are invited to the **Schooltex uniforms VIP night** at your local The Warehouse Store, Belfast on **Tuesday, 26 January 2016** between 3 and 8.00 p.m. Join us on the day, as we will have a dedicated team helping you select your schools uniform requirements. □ **Promotional offers** will run through the duration of the event. □ There will be **“no deposit”** on school uniform laybys offered to parents on this night. PLUS **“BE IN TO WIN YOUR MONEY BACK ON YOUR SCHOOLTEX PURCHASE. ENTER IN STORE”** T's & C's APPLY.

## **What Now TV – Casting Call!**

**Do you love Games, Apps and Technology?**

**Do you have a passion for TV?**

**If you said YES to both of those questions then we want you! What Now is on the search for CONFIDENT, ENERGETIC and FUN young presenters aged between 10-13 to present on a segment called 'GAMERS' in our 2016 Season!**

**Successful applicants will need to find and research their own Games and or Apps. You'll need to be available on various dates and times throughout the year – if you're successful and live outside of Christchurch we will fly you to the studios!**

**If this sounds like you please fill in the attached forms and a link to an audition video of no longer than 45 seconds telling us what your favourite game is and why?**

**Please send to:**

**hi@whatnow.tv**

**Subject Line – GAMERS AUDITION 2016**

**Entries close: December 18<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

**We look forward to hearing from you soon.**

**Stay Awesome,**

**The What Now Team**

## **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](http://www.stjohnschch.org)



## 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](mailto:programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz)



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



## 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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|  <b>READING CINEMAS</b><br><b>SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAM</b><br>Hand in this coupon when you purchase a ticket or collect your E-TIX and earn ONE POINT for your school<br>SCHOOL NAME/STAMP:<br> <b>Belfast School</b><br>ONE COUPON PER PAID TICKET   |  <b>READING CINEMAS</b><br><b>SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAM</b><br>Hand in this coupon when you purchase a ticket or collect your E-TIX and earn ONE POINT for your school<br>SCHOOL NAME/STAMP:<br> <b>Belfast School</b><br>ONE COUPON PER PAID TICKET   |  <b>READING CINEMAS</b><br><b>SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAM</b><br>Hand in this coupon when you purchase a ticket or collect your E-TIX and earn ONE POINT for your school<br>SCHOOL NAME/STAMP:<br> <b>Belfast School</b><br>ONE COUPON PER PAID TICKET   |
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