



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 10 February 2016

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Dates of Interest:

Assembly 15/02 at 2.15pm

PTA meeting 17/02 at
7.00pm. All welcome.

Meet the Teacher 18/02 at
6.00pm

Triathlon 23/02:

UMS/SNR at 9.15am

LMS at 11.30pm

JNR at 2.00pm

Belfast Community Network
"Neighbours Day" 18/03
5.00-8.00pm

Welcome to our new Pupils:



Alex Whiting, Kodi Erkkila, Komal Tailor, Adara Berkett, Quin Brewer, Ben King, Jack Hatherley, Tonya Burling, Luke Burling, Mayci-Leigh McKay, Brodie Thomas, Leandri Du Preez, Kane Paranihi, Tyler Roussey-Smith, Amy Jiang, Bill Jiang, Solarah Dawson, Emily Ahomiro, Ayden Burke, Sienna Allison, Braden Anderson, Madison Cameron, Ryder Brownlees, Jordan Belsham, Alexandra Princeton, Jacob Kean, Zac Commons, Tanner Cattermole, Cameo Fisher, MacKenzie Mason, Lachlan Mason, and Connor Roussey-Smith.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome: A warm welcome back to the new school year. I trust that you all had an enjoyable holiday break. We had a warm welcoming Mihi Whakatau on our first day back to welcome into our school all our new Staff and children.

As usual at the start of the year there are some new procedures, processes and reminders to ensure a safe and happy environment for the children to learn in.

Skate Park: Given the Skate Park's popularity, and it is a great facility, we have put in place the following rules for the use by the children from 8.30 until 8.55 a.m.

1. ALL users **must** wear a helmet.
2. No foul language to be used.
3. Only pupils using a skateboard or a scooter can be at the skate park during this time.
4. Children must go to their classroom first and prepare for their school day before going over to the skate park.

Over the next two weeks our Sports Co-ordinator, Arne Burgess, will be having his sessions at the skate park looking at safety, protocol and some moves etc. Your child will be advised by their Teacher when they should bring their Scooter for these sessions.

Swimming: Children are required to bring their swimming togs to school to participate in the lessons being delivered by their Teacher. If for any health/medical reason they cannot participate on any given day, you must provide a note to their Teacher. Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and is NOT optional, just as Maths, Science etc are not. Given the extraordinary high numbers of drownings in New Zealand this summer, it is even more vital your child learns, at the very least, how to



survive in water. Your support is really appreciated.

Sun Hats: Once again a reminder that ALL children must wear a sun hat when outside during Terms 1 and 4. It is not only highly recommended by the NZ Cancer Society, it is a school rule. Can you please ensure your child has the correct school sun hat at school every day, thank you.

Uniform: Can you please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform.



Absences: If your child is going to be absent from school, can you please let the school Office know by either leaving a message on the answerphone - 323 8849 option 1, or send a text to 027 6364254, or by email to absences@belfast.school.nz. Please state your child's name, room number and reason why they will be absent. If we do not hear from you and your child is absent, we are required to attempt to contact you. This costs the school in time and money, so your support in letting us know would be really appreciated.

School Activity Fee/Contribution: You will have received a notice regarding the School Activity Fee and Contribution. Whilst there has been some media debate around these costs, the reality is that as a School we cannot do what we do without this financial support from you.

Meet the Teacher - Thursday, 18 February at 6.00 p.m. for a (bring your own) picnic/fish and chip tea on the grass outside Rooms 10-13. A welcome and introduction to the Staff, followed by two sessions in the Classrooms - 6.45 to 7.15 p.m. and 7.15 to 7.45 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's Teacher and for new families to Belfast School to meet new friends. The **Junior Syndicate** (Rooms 1-7) will hold an earlier meeting at 5.00 p.m. in Room 3 to discuss how you can support your child with their learning at home.

2016 Prefects and House Captains:

Our warmest congratulations to the following Year 8 pupils who have been appointed to Leadership positions for the 2016 year.

Head Girl - Tegan Johnson

Head Boy - Hugh Fergusson

Deputy Girl - Erika Arlidge

Deputy Boy - Josh Peters

Prefects: Emily Wilson, Ali Masumi, Saanch Parti, Paula Rodriguez, Sade Kaminski and Luke Bryant.

CARE (Red) Captain - Alex Isherwood

SHARE (Blue) Captain - Brae Stuart

LEARN (Green) Captain - Josh Mason

GROW (Yellow) Captain - Maddie Stewart

Peter Simpson
Principal



Belfast Stars Honour Roll - 7 December 2015

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





Belfast Reporters News

Welcome to Miss Lydia Dufour who is the new teacher for Room 15.

1. What is your favourite food? Burritos
2. What is your favourite place to spend your holiday? Marlborough Sounds
3. If you could have one superpower what would it be? To be able to fly
4. What is your favourite shoe brand? Vans



Welcome to Ms Louise Lynch who is the new teacher for Room 21.

1. What is your favourite colour? Green
2. What is your favourite animal? Siberian tiger
3. If you could have one superpower what would it be? Invisibility
4. What did you do in the holidays? Spent time with family and friends.

Welcome to Miss Brittany Baxter who is the new teacher in Room 7.

1. How many pets do you have? 3 - a dog, a cat and a bird.
2. What is your favourite TV programme? Friends
3. If you could have one superpower what would it be? To be able to teleport.
4. Have you learnt all the students' names yet? Yes!



Welcome to Miss Lydia Harris who is the new teacher in Room 4.

1. What is your favourite animal? Kitten
2. How many pets do you have? 1, a cat called Misti.
3. If you could have one super power what would it be? The ability to stop time.
4. What are your favourite sports? Tennis and Swimming

We would also like to welcome back ... Mrs Jacqui Page who is teaching in Room 9



After 2 years living in Korea I am very happy to be back at Belfast School. The welcome has been very warm. I am looking forward to a great year with Room 9.

Student Reporters: Harper Connolly, Caitlyn Ford, Louie Copeland



Community Notices



Nomads United AFC Registration and Fun Day: Sunday, 14 February at Tulett Park, Claridges Road 2-4pm. Football games, skills and a bouncy castle! Sausage sizzle, coffee and bacon butties are available for purchase. If you are interested in joining Nomads or have any questions about our Registration and Fun day, please contact Sian on nomadsunitedafc@xtra.co.nz or 027 2021574.

Shirley Tennis Club - Junior Coaching: Come and join us for the second part of the summer season on Saturday mornings to end of March 2016 at Richmond Park. 8 & under Boys/Girls - 8.30am; 9-12 years Boys/Girls - 9.30am; 13 & over Boys/Girls - 10.45am. \$25.00 subscription per Junior for remainder of season. Professional Coaching provided as part of subscription. Please contact Wayne Turner on 385 3320 for further information.

Act2 Drama Stars 2016: Registrations are now being taken for your child aged 6-13, or yourself aged 13 and over for our 2016 Drama Stars programme which commences on Friday, 12 February. This programme teaches all the essential skills, techniques and tips of drama; involves students in all on-stage and back stage elements of a production, where they run the show! For our **little stars**, the 6 week course covers all aspects of acting including projection, music, movement, improvisation and the audition process. Our **big stars** will learn these skills too, plus gain a more advanced knowledge of staging a production, including casting, props, costuming and make-up. Auditions are held during week 3 and every student who auditions gets a role. They will then attend twice-weekly rehearsals, culminating in a well-polished production at the end of the April school holidays. Cost is \$75.00. To enroll or for more information please email act2dramagroup@gmail.com

Kiwi Freestyle Self-Defence: Classes start on 17 and 24 February, starting with 2 introduction classes and then commence every Wednesday thereafter. These classes are open to children from the age of 10 years upwards, adults too. Classes have been put together to achieve confidence building, fun and fitness and self-discipline. Open friendly class atmosphere and instructors. 6.30 till 8.00pm at North Elim Church Belfast. Introduction classes are FREE. One off equipment cost of \$35.00 for a training G.I for any student wanting to continue after the introduction classes. Phone Paul 027 5334598 or Ant 027 3138972.

Find Your Groove - with Anna Lee School of Dance: A fun and supportive environment with an emphasis on enjoyment ensures students feel comfortable as they learn dance movements. Dance classes are tailored for pre-schoolers through to advanced students. Students have the opportunity to learn dance styles including ballet, jazz, hip hop and contemporary. The dance school prides itself in providing a very high standard of technical teaching that enables students to sit optional exams and medal tests if they wish. Classes available at 116 Sawyers Arms Rd, Papanui. Enrolments are being taken now. Phone 354 6228 or email office@annaleschoolofdance.co.nz www.annaleschoolofdance.co.nz

Your Choices Men's Group: 7.15-8.45pm on 24 February at Real Steps Trust Office Lounge, 801B Main North Road, Belfast. This is a 15 week therapeutic programme encouraging healthy life choices. Each participant is encouraged to honestly look at themselves and how their issues impact their own life as well as in their relationships with others. All enquiries to Karen Fraser, phone 323 7837 Wednesdays; cell 029 7777533 or email info@realstepstrust.org.nz

Orienteering Day 2016 at the Groynes: Fishing Lakes, Johns Road. FREE Event on Sunday, 28 February; mass starts regularly from 10.30am-1pm (course closure at 2pm). Explore and discover; pick your own route; suitable for all abilities; tips and advice provided. Phone 941 8999 or visit www.bethere.co.nz for more information.



2016 School Based HPV Vaccination Programme

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common viral infection which can lead to cervical cancer and genital warts. Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting these diseases. While girls in Canterbury can get this through their general practice at age 11, a number of girls have not completed the three doses needed for full protection. Therefore, from 2016, the Canterbury DHB will be offering a School Based Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme which will be available for all girls in Year 8.

To enable students to receive the vaccination at school, parents will need to complete the consent form which will be sent home with the student along with supporting information during the first weeks of term 1. Please check with your daughter or the school to ensure you receive the consent form and information pack.

Under 5 Fest - 2016: 1-7 March 9.30-4.30 at Table Tennis Canterbury, 294 Blenheim Road. Children and their Caregivers can explore a wide range of hands-on science-based activities; you can pat farm animals' build in the construction zone; learn basic scientific principles; listen to stories; play with puppets, and much more! This event is one of Science Alive's innovative science and technology programmes. Under 2s are free entry; \$6.00 per person.

Children's Day - Sunday, 6 March: At Spencer Park 11am to 3pm. This is a FREE community event and entry to the park is free and all 40 fun filled activities are free. Please bring your own picnic and drinking water. For more information contact 941 8999 or check the www.bethere.co.nz website.



Muddy Good Run - Sunday, 3 April at Canterbury Agricultural Park!

Take advantage of the Early Bird Entry; entries close Sunday, 14/02. You will run, walk, crawl and slide your way around the 5km or 10km course, run through mud and water, climb over cars, crawl under cars in the mud, climb over hay bales, over containers and trucks, crawl under camo nets and cars, cargo net climbs, mud slides, water slides, tyre runs and more mud and mater than you could dream of. For more information go to www.muddygoodrun.co.nz

Belfast Playcentre: Situated in Sheldon Park, 710 Main North Road. Ph 021 0583729 or 377 2540; Email belfastpc@gmail.com Sessions on Wed/Thurs 9.00-12 noon. At the Playcentre we provide quality childhood education; come and have fun playing with your child. Three free visits to see if it is for you. From birth until school.

