



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 24 February 2016

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Peter Simpson

Board of Trustees Chairperson:

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Dates of Interest:

Goal Setting emails home
on 26/02

Assembly 29/02 at 2.15pm

Prefects Leadership Camp 1
& 2 March

Zones Triathlon at Pegasus
02/03

PTA Chocolates home 02/03

Y5-8 Swimming Sports
03/03 (pp 04/03)

Newsletter 09/03

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

Welcome to our new Pupil:

Quinn Knight



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Meet the Teacher:

Thank you to those Parents/families that attended the 'Meet the Teacher' night last Thursday. It was a good turnout and the feedback was that it is a very worthwhile and informative evening.

Goal Setting Emails:

This Friday, 26 February your child's teacher will be sending home, via email, the goals set for this year. There will be 4 goals; 1 each for Reading, Writing and Maths, plus a social goal based on the NZ Curriculum's Key Competencies. The journey towards these goals will be made of many smaller ones that will eventually get your child to their goals. We view this process as very much a partnership between Home and School. If you wish to know more about how you could help at home, please feel free to email your child's teacher to ask for ideas.

Earthquake Advice:

Given the recent and ongoing series of aftershocks and the 5th anniversary of the 2011 earthquake, I thought it might be appropriate to put out the following advice from the Canterbury District Health Board.

Six Ways to Help Canterbury Children Worried About Earthquakes:

1. Retain routines, do what you normally do.
2. Turn media off, repetition of disaster scenes adds to anxiety.
3. Be calm and loving, and don't talk about your adult worries with your children.
4. Keep normal disciplinary boundaries - the world is unpredictable enough without the rules changing.
5. Give reassurance but don't overdo it. Too much reassurance means there is something to be worried about.
6. Let them talk about it, but don't let it take over, use distraction and play to get their minds off it.



Congratulations to: Jemma Dick, Noah Whitfield and Stacey Stewart (all in Room 14) who are the **2016 Head Milk Monitors**. They do a marvellous job too!



Belfast School

SchoolDocs - Policies:

This term the following Policies are under review by the Board of Trustees, Staff and Parents:

-  School Swimming Pool
-  Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances

Visit our Policies website <http://belfast.schooldocs.co.nz> The Username is **belfast** and the Password is **sheldon** Follow the link to each Policy; read the Policy; click on the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page (a new screen will appear); select your role (i.e. Parent/Caregiver) from the drop-down lists; enter your name (optional) and submit your ratings and comments. If you do not have internet access, the school Office staff can provide you with printed copies of the Policies and the Review form.

Sheldon Park Pool Update and Return of Swipe Keys: The Pool is due to close on Sunday, 13 March, however as the weather is continuing to be very warm we may extend this to Sunday, 20 March. Key holders who are eligible for a bond refund of \$20.00 must make sure they return their 'swipe key' to the school Office by 31 March 2016 to receive this (during the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.).

Lucky Book Club: Reminder that orders close on Monday, 29 February, make sure you get your orders into Donna in the Office asap.

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.






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.

Are you interested in your child learning Spanish? Mrs N.L. Sierra, a Parent at the school and also a Teacher, is keen to start an after school Spanish class for children in Years 3-6. If you would like more information please email your name and contact details to principal@belfast.school.nz

Peter Simpson
Principal

PTA News:

-  At the meeting last week the Committee approved \$11,200 be donated to the Board of Trustees for the purchase and installation of shade sails in front of the Junior Learning Centre. We also gave \$500.00 to the Upper Middle Syndicate towards their camp costs; \$500.00 towards the Prefects Leadership trip to Wellington; and \$500.00 for each Syndicate to use at their discretion. Thanks for your support for our fundraisers, we are able to support the School and the children in this manner. Thanks again.
-  A notice regarding sale of Chocolates was sent home on Monday. A box of chocolates will be sent home with your eldest child on Wednesday, 2 March.
-  Upcoming event: Sausage Sizzle/Bacon Butties on Friday, 1 April. Look out for the order form in March.



Belfast Stars Assembly - 15 February 2016

Room 1	Tanner Cattermole
Room 2	Ryder Brownlees
Room 4	Noah Wilson
Room 5	Jyrah Coates
Room 6	Natalia Wineti
Room 7	Harry Ralph
Room 9	Cassidy Markwick
Room 10	Micayla Hobbs
Room 11	Alex Whiting
Room 12	Joshua Edwards
Room 13	Cohen Max
Room 14	Gabriel Holland
Room 15	Chelsea Nicholls
Room 16	Zahra Asghari
Room 17	Emma Nicolson
Room 18	Charlie Paku
Room 21	Caitlyn Ford
Room 22	Jack Wolfe
Room 23	Summer Fail





Belfast School - Reporters

As most of you know Sheldon Park has got a new **Skate Park** and we are lucky enough to be able to use it. There are some rules for the pupils who are going to use it.

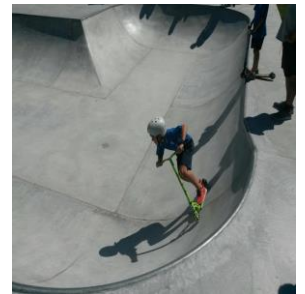
Here are some of the rules:

-No Snaking! One of the big issues is snaking which is when someone is about to drop in to the bowl, halfpipe, etc and someone else pushes in front and can cause an accident.

-Safety - Make sure to always wear a helmet.

-Wheels - The skate park is for people to scoot, skate or bike on only.

-Tidy Kiwi - Also remember to put all your rubbish into the bins so we can keep it tidy and clean.



TRIATHLON

On Tuesday the 23rd February it was Belfast School's triathlon. It was fun but challenging. Well done all the people that participated. We asked a few Lower Middles what they thought about the triathlon. Here is what they said...

Georgia Swayle: 'It was fun to see if everyone could beat each other.'

Jenayde Wilson: 'It was really tiring and fun.'

Milly Brown: 'It was a great chance for people to learn about triathlons and try their best.'



Student Reporters: Harper Connolly, Louie Copeland, Caitlin Ford



Community Notices

Belfast Netball Club: Registrations for the 2016 season are now open. Please register online at www.belfastnetball.co.nz

The following grades are available this season:

Future Ferns (Year 3 to Year 5) - Please read the information on our website under the future ferns tab. We enter teams into the Hagley and North Canterbury competitions.

Grades:

Under 11 (Year 6) Trial date Sunday 20th March at 10am

Under 12 (Year 7) Trial date Sunday 20th March at 10am

Under 13 (Year 8) Trial date Sunday 13th March at 10am



All trials are held at our netball courts located behind Belfast School. You must register prior to your trial date. For any further inquiries please contact our club secretary Gayleen Lidgett 323 8034 or 021 142 3906.

Music Now - Music Opportunities for Kiwi kids!



Music Now is a business that connects primary schools in Christchurch with itinerant music teachers in our team. We offer Guitar, Bass, Piano, Vocal, Theory and Aural tutoring by qualified musicians and depending on interest this year we will be offering Drum lessons as well. Our tutors are flexible and efficient and have the skills and knowledge to deliver sound content along with teaching styles that encourage learning and growth. This would be the perfect opportunity for your child to excel in the musical arts. Please feel free to email us at musicnowchch@gmail.com with any questions. If there is enough interest we may be able to offer music lessons after school at Belfast School. Information is available from the school Office. Let's make music now!

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@annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz www.annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz



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.



Community Notices

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!

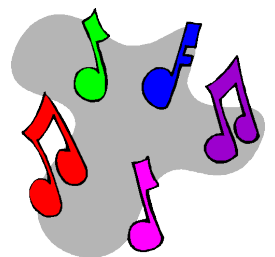
Take advantage of the Early Bird Entry; entries close Sunday, 14/02. You will run, walk, crawl and slide your way around the 5km or 10km course, run through mud and water, climb over cars, crawl under cars in the mud, climb over hay bales, over containers and trucks, crawl under camo nets and cars, cargo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



Belfast Playcentre: Situated in Sheldon Park, 710 Main North Road. Phone 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.

MUSIC LESSONS - FREE TRIAL Age 5 to Adult.

Individual lessons in Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, and Drums. Lessons are \$29 per 30min. Visit www.mareethom.co.nz for more information and to request a FREE TRIAL Lesson, or phone 021 260 9899.





Community Notices



Celebrate... **NEIGHBOUR'S DAY** **AOTEAROA**

- Local Music
- KidsFirst on stage
- Belfast School on stage

Sheldon Park
Friday 18th March
5.00 - 8.00pm

Free activities include:

Bouncy castle, stone carving, peddle mania
Bring a can for the Salvation Army food bank
and get a **free sausage sizzle!**
Simply Tea for Gold Card holders - gold coin donation
Launch of the Belfast Emergency Response Plan BERP



 A BCN local event
Belfast Community Network Inc
Supporting our community as it grows
Tautokohia i Iwi Kainga i Tana Tipuranga



**Christchurch
City Council**





Community Notices



McDonald's 2016 Youth Duathlon - Sunday, 3 April at South Hagley Park. This event, involving run and cycle stages, is for individual entrants aged 7 to 15 years old. On-line entry and payment is available at www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz. Entry fee for this Duathlon is \$15 per person. Each entrant will receive a product pack of sponsors products. **Entries must be post marked no later than 24 March 2016.**

Auditions for "The Christchurch Boys' Choir": This choir is for boys with unbroken voices who want to sing and develop their singing amongst like-minded boys. They perform in many concerts during the year and often collaborate with other choirs and performing companies. If you have a son who likes to sing, the choir would love to hear him audition! Please email Angus Simmons at musicaldirector@christchurchboyschoir.co.nz for an audition time.





Belfast R.F.C Junior Rugby Registration Day 2016



The 2016 Junior Rugby Season is due to start in April and the Belfast Rugby club is holding a registration day for all grades from Under 6 to Under 18



Registration Day

Sunday 28th February

9.00am to 12 noon



To be held at Belfast RFC Club Rooms, March Place.

For further information regarding subs and contact details please visit our web site
<http://belfastrugby.co.nz/>

KAIAPOI NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATION - PRIMARY PLAYERS YEAR 5-8 - TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2016
AT CANVAS TECHNOLOGY 64 WILLIAMS ST, KAIAPOI 5.30 - 7PM
\$75 NON REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PAID ON THE NIGHT. (PAYMENT SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE BUT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE). CASH-CHEQUE-EFTPOS-INTERNET BANKING .

KAIAPOI NETBALL FUN FERNS 6 WEEK PROGRAMME - FOR ALL YEAR 3 & 4 STUDENTS
HELD AT KAIAPOI HIGH SCHOOL COURTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 3rd APRIL - 8th MAY 10-11am
LIMITED TO 32 PLAYERS. HAVE FUN AND LEARN THE BASICS OF NETBALL COST \$40 PER PLAYER

CONTACT ANGELA FOR REGISTRATION FORMS 03 3278147 or info@kaiapoinetball.co.nz.
Online Registrations are available for all ages at www.kaiapoinetball.co.nz

