



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 9 March 2016

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Dates of Interest:

LMS Swimming Sports 10/03
at 1.30 p.m.

NE/JNR Swim Demo 11/03
at 1.45 p.m.

North Zone Swimming
Sports 14/03 at 12 noon

Assembly 14/03 at 2.15pm

Board of Trustees meeting
14/03 at 7.00 p.m.

PTA AGM and Meeting 16/03
at 7.00 p.m.

Mufti Day 17/03; gold coin
donation

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

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Kase Bailey, Dawn Hayman, Indie Scully, and Taliyah Hyde



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Neighbour's Day - Friday, 18 March - 5.00-8.00 p.m.

To celebrate Neighbour's Day, the Belfast Community Network have organised a community event on Friday, 18 March at Sheldon Park from 5.00 to 8.00 p.m. Our school's Kapa Haka group, Choir and a Jump Jam team will be performing on the stage during the course of the evening. As a school we will also be running the BBQ and Cake stall. We will send home a separate notice next week with more information regarding this event.

PTA AGM:

Can I encourage new Parents/Caregivers to come to the PTA's AGM being held next Wednesday, 16 March at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom. This will be followed by a quick general meeting. You can do as much or as little as you can commit to. Look forward to seeing you there.

Reporting to Parents:

A reminder about our format for Reporting to Parents throughout the year.

For children in Years 1-3 you will receive a written Anniversary Report after 1 year, 2 years or 3 years at school, based on their birthday. During each year you will receive a Mid-Year Progress Report and an interview. This would be after 6 months (Y1), 18 months (Y2) and 30 months (Y3). Year 4 children will receive a 3 year Anniversary Report when they turn 8 during their Y4 year (usually in the first 6 months of the year), and then an End of Year (Y4) written Report.

For Years 5-8 it is a written Report and interview Mid-Year, and a final written Report at the end of the year.

Easter:

Please be aware that the School will be closed from Friday, 25 March through to and including Tuesday, 29 March for the Easter break.

Swimming Programme:

This is our final week for our Swimming programme. Our Lower Middle Syndicate (Thursday 1.30pm) and Junior Syndicate (Friday 1.45pm) are finishing the season with their own sports. It has certainly been one of the better summers for some time, and the children have really improved their swimming skills.



Belfast School

Our Senior sports last week was well participated in by the children, and the standard was very high. **Blue House** (Team SHARE) convincingly won the House relay! Thank you for your support over the summer.

We have 30 children attending the North Zone Swimming Sports next Monday, 14 March, and we wish them all the best in their races.



Congratulations to Maggie Crawford in Room 23! Maggie has been chosen to be a regular presenter on "What Now". She will be demonstrating arts and crafts each Sunday morning on the What Now programme, so tune in to see how wonderful she is.

Prefects Leadership Camp:

Last week our Prefects were on camp to learn about leadership, and supporting each other. They had a wonderful time participating in team building exercises and learnt new skills, which they will be able to use throughout the year as part of their Prefect's role.







School Donation/Activity Fees etc: Thank you to those Parents/Caregivers who have paid their account or set up an automatic payment. If you still have to pay your account it would be appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 warm we have extended 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.).

Lost: In the School grounds, a pair of school child's glasses, black frames. If found please hand into the school Office.

Peter Simpson
Principal

PTA News:

-  The **Annual General Meeting** of the PTA is being held on **Wednesday, 16 March** at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom, followed by their regular meeting. All Parents/Caregivers are most welcome to attend to find out what the PTA does in assisting the School with fundraising.
-  **Chocolates** were sent home last week and thank you to those who have sold them already and returned payment. The PTA are in the Hall before school each money to take payment. All monies are to be returned to the Hall no later than Friday, 18 March. Thank you very much for your support.
-  **BCN Neighbours Day - Friday, 18 March 5.00-8.00 p.m.**, more information next week.
-  **Sausage Sizzle/Bacon Butties** on Friday, 1 April. Look out for the order form.



Belfast Stars Assembly - 29 February 2016

Room 1	Ayden Burke
Room 2	Zac Commons
Room 4	Akuira Paku
Room 5	Bella Toomer
Room 6	Ezra Ray-Paku
Room 7	Ashlee Hall
Room 9	Ella Coffey
Room 10	Kaleb O'Callahan
Room 11	Tonga Strickland
Room 12	Jemma Currey
Room 13	Broghan Ayliffe
Room 14	Tui Van Pelt
Room 15	Cameron Mason
Room 16	Caydn Chamberlain
Room 17	Jordan Kirk
Room 18	Lochy Lange
Room 21	Kiara Harrison
Room 22	Sade Kaminski
Room 23	Jed Dugmore



Junior Neighbourhood Support News:

Let me introduce myself, I am Elissa Smith the new Junior Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator. Belfast School is continuing to participate in the Junior Neighbourhood Support Programme this year. I will be visiting a school assembly in the coming weeks to explain the programme to the children and appoint 2 student leaders.

The programme's aim is to 'To promote a sense of pride, safety and community spirit in children, their schools and their wider community'. The Junior Neighbourhood Support Programme also rewards children for times when children act in a way that is over and above what is normally expected of them, when they really offer help or time to the community. Family, teachers, other children or people in the community can nominate children for these awards, look for the white mailbox in your school office to fill out a nomination form or go online to the website below.

The programme is part of Neighbourhood Support working in the Christchurch area, our motto is 'Neighbours helping Neighbours', if you are interested as a family to join Neighbourhood Support please go to www.nscanterbury.nz and read through the information and contact us.

Warm Regards, Elissa Smith - Co-ordinator, Junior Neighbourhood Support



Belfast School - Reporters

SENIOR & UMS SWIMMING SPORTS

On Thursday the 3rd of March the Senior and Upper Middle Syndicates had their swimming sports. It was hot if you were watching, but icy cold when you were competing. The House Relay, which is always a highlight, was won by the **BLUE** team. Everybody had a wonderful time. Well done to everybody that participated, especially those who made it to Zones.



SEA WEEK PARADE

Last week the Junior Syndicate celebrated Sea Week. They examined shells and learned all about sea life. On Friday they dressed up and the rest of the school and Kindy were invited to the 'Under the Sea' parade. They had lots of fun and the costumes were very creative.



FIJI COIN TRAIL

As most of you may know Fiji recently had a BIG cyclone! It destroyed a lot of the towns and villages, including the schools. An estimated 35,000 people have been affected by it. On Tuesday our school did a coin trail to help raise funds for Fiji. We wanted to help, just like other countries helped Christchurch when we needed it after the earthquakes. We raised \$415.00 and the school has topped up this amount to \$500.00.



Student Reporters: Harper Connolly, Louie Copeland, Caitlin Ford



Community Notices

Air Force Museum Holiday Programme:

We've got you covered. Don't stand out. Become truly invisible. We'll make it disappear. We're so good at this, you won't know we're there. Join us for the Air Force Museum's April OSCAR-endorsed school holiday programme.

"Hiding in Plain Sight" - 18-29 April for Ages 5-12 years. **Cost:** \$38 per day, full week \$175. **Hours:** Half day 8.30am to 12.30pm, Full day 8.30am to 3.00pm. **Bookings essential.** Contact the Public Programmes Team on 03 343 9504 or email programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz

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.

HSOB/Burnside Hockey Club - Junior Hockey for the Winter Season 2016. Have good fun, make great friends, learn great skills and be part of a team. Year 1 to 8 Boys and Girls welcome. Contact Jackie White 351 4047, email jackiewhite@xtra.co.nz or visit www.hsobburnside.co.nz

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



Community Notices

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

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

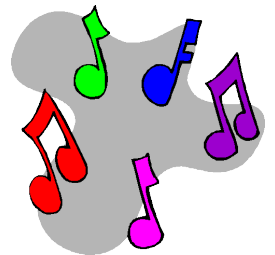
Take advantage of the Early Bird Entry; entries close Sunday, 14/02. You will run, walk, crawl and slide your way around the 5km or 10km course, run through mud and water, climb over cars, crawl under cars in the mud, climb over hay bales, over containers and trucks, crawl under camo nets and cars, cargo 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.



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.**

Patersonrose Pop Up Store

CRAZY PRICES.....Sale stock up to 75% off !

Kids Linen – Rugs – Sheeting – Cushions, Gifts & more

Don't miss out...

Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March, 10am – 4pm

3 days only at **Rangi Ruru Girls School**, Rossall St entrance (opposite Holmwood Shops) www.patersonrose.com



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



PHIT FEST - Join us for a Pacific Island Community Sports Day - Full of fun for the whole family?

Easter Monday, 28 March 9.00am till 6.00pm at Centennial Park & Pioneer Stadium

Participate in friendly games of touch, volleyball and kilikiti, sample a range of great food from one of the many food stalls, and support the **Give Gear, Get Great donation drive.**

Join us for a Pacific Island community sports day full of fun for the whole family! PHIT FEST

To register call Johnny Leo'o on 03 961 3046, or visit bethere.co.nz for more details.



ASB Information for Parents/Caregivers:

Once again ASB is supporting schools with the Sponsorship Programme. This term through to 30 April 2016 the donations to schools will be **\$1000.00** each time a Parent/Caregiver, Staff member or member of the school community takes a home loan of \$150,000 or more and requests this donation for your school!

ASB lending criteria, and terms apply. Fees may apply. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property. This donation offer is only available when you apply for new home lending through an ASB branch, contact centre or mobile lending manager. Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking

Marian College - Open Night - Thursday, 7 April 2016 - 4.30-6.30pm

122 Barbadoes Street, Christchurch. Principal's address 4.45pm and 5.30pm. No parking on site please. Visit www.mariancollege.school.nz for more information.

North Canterbury Netball - Junior Programme:

Have a go day! Saturday, 19 March 9.30 to 11.30am. All Year 1-8 players and coaches are invited to come along to North Canterbury Netball courts at Dudley Park and participate in skill sessions, games and fun activities.

This is FREE to attend, please register online at:

<http://ncnc.org.nz/netball/junior-netball/have-a-go-day/>