



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 23 March 2016

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Dates of Interest:

Sausage Sizzle 1/04
R1,2,4 to Museum 4/04
Assembly 4/04 at 2.15pm
SNR Ropes Course 5/04
R5,6,7 to Museum 6/04
Swimming Centrals 7/04
House Colour afternoon
8/04
Board of Trustees meeting
11/04 at 7.00 p.m.
St John Annual Appeal
fundraiser - "Dress in
Green" 13/04
Celebration Assembly 14/04
at 2.00pm
Last day of Term 1, 15/04
Term 2 starts 2/05

Welcome to our new Pupils:

George Rich, Arman Asghari, Monique Frost, Maria Suisala, Jack Dalzell, Levi Brown, Baillie Garing and Kevin Mei.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Neighbour's Day:

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka group, Choir and Jump Jam team who performed with distinction on Friday night. It was a lovely evening for the Belfast Community to come together and have a fun night and catch up with friends and neighbours. It was also the official release of the Belfast Emergency Response Plan – BERP. A huge thank you to all involved in the evening, especially the staff of the Belfast Community Network and our Teachers.



Reminder - Dates for the Easter break: Please note that School will be closed from Friday, 25 March through to and including Tuesday, 29 March for the Easter break. School recommences on Wednesday, 30 March at 8.55 a.m.

Photos/Social Media:

A reminder that when you take photos of your children at school based events, such as Swimming sports, Triathlon etc, that you ensure when uploading photos to social media sites, i.e. Facebook, to only post photos that include your children. Not everyone is happy about their children being in other photos on social media sites belonging to other people. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reminder:

A friendly reminder **NOT** to drive your car into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your children. This is a **safety issue**, especially given the number of children now moving to and from the Skate Park at these busy times. Once again thank you for your co-operation.



Southfuels "Fuel for Schools Programme":



A huge thank you to Southfuels for the very generous donation of two Chromebooks that were presented to the school by Rob Taylor, their Canterbury rep., last week.



Belfast School

Congratulations to: The children who attended the North Zone Swimming Sports last week, you all performed very well. The following children will now be representing Belfast School at the Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Sports on Thursday, 7 April at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre: Conor Pilkington, Maddie Stewart, Hugh Fergusson, Maia Ormsby, Jack Wolfe, Harper Connolly, Lauren Sharland and Amelia Rowe.



Tissues: As the weather is cooling down there is an increased need for tissues in the classrooms. If at all possible can you donate a box of tissues to your child's Teacher for use in the classroom. Thank you.



Reminder - Prefects Fundraiser for hair accessories: Please return your order form to the school Office by 3.00 p.m. Thursday, 24 March.

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: 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 (during the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.).

Crusaders Training: On Monday afternoon (21/03) after school, the Belfast Rugby Club arranged for 2 Crusaders players, Jed Brown and Pete Samu, to run a skills coaching session. Many of our school pupils attended and learnt many new rugby skills. Congratulations to the Club on arranging such a great event.



**Peter Simpson
Principal**



Belfast Stars Assembly - 14 March 2016

Room 1	Ethan Clarke
Room 2	Emily Ahomiro
Room 4	Ferne Hamlin
Room 5	Noah Millar
Room 6	Shavarnah Bryant
Room 7	Tyson Trenberth
Room 9	Ava Humphries
Room 10	Cate Donaldson-Scott
Room 11	Noah Brown
Room 12	Arunita Vaotuu
Room 13	Jesse Brunton-Pamment
Room 14	Judd Fergusson
Room 15	Edge Dickson
Room 16	Olivia Wilson
Room 17	Boyd Johnson
Room 18	Isaac Atkinson
Room 21	Damian Wood
Room 22	Reuban Goodman
Room 23	Erika Arlidge



PTA News:

- ✚ The **Annual General Meeting** of the PTA was held last week and congratulations to the following who were duly elected: President Deena Boyd; Vice-President Maree Stewart; Treasurer Gayleen Lidgett, Secretary Connie Koskinen.
- ✚ **Chocolates:** If you have not returned money from the sale of chocolates please do so urgently this week to the Office.
- ✚ **Sausage Sizzle/Bacon Butties** on Friday, 1 April. Order forms were sent home on Monday. Orders can be placed at the Hall tomorrow (24/03) by 9am.
- ✚ **Advance notice** that the PTA will be selling the **Entertainment books** this year, so look out for this notice which will be sent home soon. We are the only local organisation in Belfast who will be selling these!



Neighbour's Day

On Friday night the Belfast Community Network held a Neighbour's Day in Sheldon Park. The Kapa Haka, Choir, and Jump Jam performed on stage. They did a good job entertaining the crowd. There were lots of free and fun activities such as Pedalmania, stone carving, bouncy castle and face painting. Thank you to the Lower Middle and Junior syndicate families for providing the yummy cakes for the cake stall which was run by the PTA. They raised \$629.84!



WACKY HAIR DAY



On Thursday 18th March we had Wacky Hair day. We had the choice of bringing a gold coin donation or a can of food for the Salvation Army because their stocks were low. It was a great fundraiser and we raised \$268 dollars in total plus a lot of cans. Thank you to all the

people that gave money or a can of food. Some of the hair styles looked pretty cool!



LOWER MIDDLE SYNDICATE SWIMMING

As some of you may know the Lower Middles finished the swimming season with their swimming sports, it was a lot of fun. The races included backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, running and a float race. As usual they did their signature **BIG SPLASH** at the end.





School **Flag** Voting



On Tuesday 22nd March Belfast School got to vote for their preferred flag, this was run by the Belfast Flyers. You could choose from the original flag or the new proposed flag. This was run like the real referendum with voting slips and voting booths. It was important not to share your vote with anyone because it may affect what the representation of New Zealand looks like and what someone picks is their decision not yours.



The total for the Belfast kid's voting was ... new flag 248 votes; existing flag 193 votes; therefore the children's choice is:



We can't wait to find out which flag the adults in New Zealand voted for!

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

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

Kia ora! My name is Tania and I am an experienced **Barnardos, Kidstart home-based childcare educator for under 5's**. I currently have spaces available any time from Monday to Friday 7am - 6pm in Belfast. For more info email me at: taniagorham.nz@gmail.com

I have a current 1st aid certificate and have been police checked. My house meets the health and safety requirements set by the Ministry of Education.

What I offer:

- * High Quality affordable childcare for 0-5 year olds.
- * 20 Hrs ECE for 3 & 4 year olds
- * WINZ subsidies available for those who qualify
- * FREE toy, equipment & resource library
- * Excursions
- * I work together with the visiting teacher (A qualified & registered early childhood teacher) to ensure your child learns and develops through fun and active learning experiences
- * Each child has their own learning journal where stories/photos are added on a regular basis

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!



Are you interested in your child learning Spanish? Mrs N.L. Sierra, a Parent at the school and also a Teacher, has started 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



Community Notices

Genevieve Simperingham, counsellor, parent educator, founder of The Peaceful Parent Institute and mother of two teenagers, is running a series of **parent education talks** at the Wigram Airforce Museum, Harvard Ave from 3rd to 6th April. She's running 6 events on the following topics: How to talk so kids will listen, Discipline without punishment, Sibling rivalry and bully-proof your kids, Stress management for parents, The teen years and Fostering attachment, self-esteem and resilience. For more information, visit www.peacefulparent.com (click courses) or email gen@peacefulparent.com or ring 027 4179198



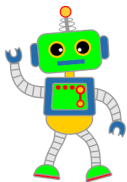
Belfast Playcentre: Situated in Sheldon Park, 710 Main North Road. Phone 021 0583729 or 377 2540; Email belfastpc@gmail.com Sessions on Wed/Thurs 9.00-12 noon. At the Playcentre we provide quality childhood education; come and have fun playing with your child. Three free visits to see if it is for you.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



Toy and Collectable Museum: Open Thursdays-Mondays 10am to 4pm at 90 Falsgrave Street, Waltham. Come and see an amazing display of toys from the past and present; 4000+ diecast vehicles, working model railway, toys from 1920's to now and Military Dioramas.

Secondary School

Open Day 2016

Thursday 31 March 2016
4.00pm – 6.00pm
Meet at the Rentoul Senior College

For further information contact
Lynn Smith on 03 940-2016 or
enrol@stac.school.nz

St Andrew's College

www.stac.school.nz



Community Notices

HIGHLAND DANCING CLASSES: Highland Dancing classes for Boys and Girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram, commencing on the 2nd April. All new entrants should be at the hall by 9.30am for a starting time of 9.45am. Boys and Girls from Age 5 years upwards plus any that are due to turn 5 in the near future will be very welcome. This year we are making a special drive to attract more boys to join our many young female dancers. The learning of Highland Dancing contributes to children's bodily strength, musical appreciation and co-ordination, as well as providing the opportunity to socialise with their peers. Highland Dancing can become a life-time interest. All information on our classes can be obtained by emailing calyhighland@paradise.net.nz or c.cole@clear.net.nz. Our Caledonian Society Classes are kept at a minimal cost to accommodate family budgets. All enquiries will be welcomed.



April Active Kids Holiday Programmes - Sport Canterbury

Registrations now open:

Week 1 - Monday 18 April - Friday 22 April

Week 2 - Tuesday 26 April - Friday 29 April

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. OSCAR subsidies available. Visit our website for full details:

<http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/>



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.



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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.

Please Note: