



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 06 April 2016

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Principal:

Peter Simpson

Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Dave Cuniffe

Dates of Interest:

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, gold coin
donation

Celebration Assembly 14/04
at 2.00pm

Last day of Term 1, 15/04
Term 2 starts 2/05

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Riley Prince, Cordell Kokiri, Avryl Dai and Ashlee Dai.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Board of Trustee Elections: This year the Board of Trustee Elections will be held on 3 June. If you are interested in putting your name forward for nomination you could pick up a booklet from Sally in the school Office which will give you an idea of what is involved in being a Board member.

Our Board of Trustees is an elected group of Belfast School parents, who are elected on the Board for a period of 3 years. At the end of this time, they can choose whether or not they will stand again for another 3 years. In May, five positions will become vacant on our Board. Have you ever considered becoming a Board of Trustees member? Visit <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee> for more information.

Good Luck to our children who are participating in the Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Sports tomorrow, Thursday, 7 April, at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. We have 9 children who have qualified, well done.

House Colour afternoon: This Friday the children will be involved in learning some new games or refreshing some old ones. This is our termly House activity afternoon. If your child has a House t-shirt they are naturally most welcome to wear it. House t-shirts are available for purchase for \$15.00 at the school Office.

School Holidays: A reminder that Term 1 finishes on Friday, 15 April at 3.00 p.m. Term 2 commences at 8.55 a.m. on Monday, 2 May. Have a safe and enjoyable break.

Celebration Assembly: This will be held on Thursday, 14 April at 2.00 p.m. in the school Hall. You will be contacted if your child is going to receive an award.

School Uniform for Term 2: Reminder that children are to wear their winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. We have been advised by The Warehouse that stocks of our polar fleeces will not be available in all sizes until late May. Unfortunately this is due to a supply issue from the manufacturer.

ANZAC Day: Belfast School on behalf of the RSA are accepting donations for Poppy Day which this year will be held on Friday, 15 April. Donations can be left at the School Office. We thank you for your support.





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



Parent Helpers required for Winter Sport for Years 5-8: Reminder to return the slip if you are able to help with coaching or supervision of a sports team this year. Your support is very much appreciated.



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. This will certainly save a lot of the Teachers and Donna's time contacting you on the eve of your child's class trip or activity. Thank you for your support.

Sheldon Park Pool Update and Return of Swipe Keys: If you have **not** returned your '**swipe key**' for the pool, please do so to the school Office by Wednesday, 13 April (during the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.).

Policy for Review: The latest policies for review are **Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances**, and **Swimming Pool**. You are encouraged to enter the school's SchoolDocs site and review the policy, as per the following instructions: Visit the website <http://belfast.schooldocs.co.nz>

Enter the username **belfast** password **sheldon** Follow the link to this policy; read the policy; click the Policy review button at the top right-hand corner of the page; select the reviewer type "Parent"; enter your name (optional); Submit your ratings and comments. If you do not have internet access, printed copies of the Policies and Review forms can be obtained from the school Office.

Peter Simpson
Principal

Dental Care in the School Holidays:

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. 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:

Tuesday, 19th April to Friday, 22nd April (excluding weekends) and
Tuesday, 26th April to Friday, 29th April (excluding weekends)



This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.





Belfast Stars Assembly - 4 April 2016

Room 1	Taliyah Hyde
Room 2	Levi Brown
Room 4	Hazel Stewart
Room 5	Isaac Oates
Room 6	Daniel Ellen
Room 7	Daisy Nicolson
Room 9	Harry Bloomfield
Room 10	Khylan Lucas
Room 11	Isabella Woods
Room 12	Jeremiah Pratt
Room 13	Ashley Roberts
Room 14	Elham Nawrozi
Room 15	Amelia Rowe
Room 16	Liam Boyd
Room 17	Ariana-Rose Brennan
Room 18	Abigail Strydom
Room 21	Aruana Vaotuua
Room 22	Rosie Reilly
Room 23	Hussain Nawrozi



PTA News:

-  **Chocolates:** If you have not returned money from the sale of chocolates please do so **urgently** to the Office.
-  **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!



Belfast School - Reporters



JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

This year the Junior Neighbourhood Support liaison person is Elissa Smith, and the leaders for Belfast School are Olivia Hobbs and Ella-Mae Batstone. On Monday at the assembly they were presented with a JNS t-shirt. Olivia told us that Junior Neighbourhood Support is about looking after the community and it is all about caring. Ella said we are looking at how to make the community safe and we are encouraging people to check their smoke alarms and ensure everyone is keeping the grounds litter free, including the surrounding areas like the Skate Park.



NEW ENTRANT & JUNIOR TRIP TO THE BOTANIC GARDENS & MUSEUM

On Monday, Rooms 1, 2 and 4 were excited to go on a "bendy" bus for their school trip to the Museum and Botanic Gardens. Rooms 5, 6 and 7 will go on Wednesday. At the Museum they saw the Paua House, a dinosaur skeleton and how Maori people lived. They were surprised to see the birds being cooked over a fire not cooking with an oven. They also had a great time checking out the Discovery Room. There was an amazing magnifying glass which was very popular, real tarantulas, a giant 3D dinosaur puzzle as well as insect and animal displays. After lunch, the groups embarked on a scavenger hunt around the museum, finding all sorts of historical treasures, including gigantic crystals, native birds and old-fashioned toys. They had a fantastic trip despite the rainy weather and having their day cut short as it was too wet for the Botanic Gardens.



Senior Ropes Course

On Tuesday the Senior Syndicate walked to the Ropes Course at the Groynes. The morning was spent doing team building and trust activities in preparation for climbing the ropes. They had to rely on each other to climb up to the highest point. Their nerves were tested, however there was a sense of achievement at the end of the day as well as tiredness!



Student Reporters: Harper Connolly, Louie Copeland, Caitlyn Ford



Community Notices

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.

Belfast Community Network - OSCAR Holiday Programme:

This programme will be running from Monday 16 April until Friday 29 April. All activities are included in the prices:

Morning programme: 7.00-8.30 a.m. \$8.00 per session (breakfast included)

Short Day: 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. \$35.00 per session

Full Day: 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. \$45.00 per session.

For more information go to our website: www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz

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

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/>

Science Alive - April School Holiday Programmes:

Contact us at www.sciencealive.co.nz and/or Email community@sciencealive.co.nz for **bookings** (necessary!) or more information.

ROBOTICS: Science Alive presents its popular robotics programme. Designed to inspire, excite and challenge students interested in Robotics. We offer sessions for beginners and more experienced children. Sessions provide building challenges and first steps in Lego Programming. Suitable for children aged 8yrs - 13yrs. Bookings Essential!

Dates: Tuesday 19th April - Session One: 10 am - 12 Noon; Session Two: 1pm - 3pm

Wednesday 20th April - Session Three: 10am - 12 Noon; Session Four: 1pm - 3pm

Cost: \$10 per child

CULTURAL CONSTELLATIONS: Science Alive presents an astronomical journey for the whole family. Suitable for children aged 5 -13 years. NB Caregiver required (Sorry no preschool children). Come inside our unique inflatable star dome to share the stories of our culture and those of others as we discover the constellations old and new. Bookings Essential! Venue: CPIT. **Date:** Tuesday 26th April and Wednesday 27th April. **Cost:** \$5 per person. Families of 4 or more \$20; Session 1: 5.30pm and Session 2: 6.30pm



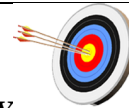
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Papanui High School - Term 2 Night Classes:

Are you looking for something to do in the evenings now daylight saving has finished? Do you want to learn something new and meet some new people? Then come along to Papanui High School and take part in one of the wide range of night classes we have on offer for Term 2 beginning week 9 May. From Art to Yoga and everything in between we are sure regardless of your age or interest you will find something to tempt you. Classes at Papanui High School are held in a warm, friendly relaxed environment and our tutors are supportive and well qualified in their chosen fields. For further information and enrolment in any of our courses please visit our website <http://www.papanui.school.nz/papanui-high-school> or telephone our office on 3520701.



GREY GOOSE WING ARCHERY SOCIETY



Stuck for something to do during the School Holiday ???
Try your hand at Archery!

Age 10 and upwards, adults included! Booking is essential, as numbers are limited. Held at: Catholic Cathedral College, off Ferry Road.

Cost \$20 per 2 hour session.

Day	Date	Time - am	Time - pm
Tuesday	19 th April	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Thursday	21 st April	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Wednesday	27 th April	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Friday	29 th April	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30

Please contact: Maria Tucker on 383 8387 or ggwas@outlook.co.nz or www.ggw-archery.weebly.com.

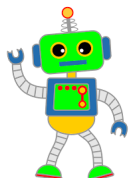
Your coach has many years of experience and registered to Archery New Zealand.

Hagley College - Junior College Open Evening:

Tuesday, 10 May 2016 - 4.00 to 6.00 p.m. in the Hagley College Student Centre Café, corner of Hagley Avenue and St Asaph Street. For more information or to request an enrolment pack, please contact the College on 379 3090 ext 884, or email lisa.amer@staff.hagley.school.nz with your name, address and phone details.



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.



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.



Community Notices

2016 AIR RESCUE & EMERGENCY SERVICES OPEN DAY



SUNDAY 1ST MAY
10am-3pm

515 Memorial Ave, Christchurch Airport
by Russley Roundabout

· Westpac Rescue Helicopter and Winch Display · St John Ambulance · USAR Team · NZ Police Communications Display · NZ Fire Service Command Unit and 'Jaws of Life' Display · Airport Crash Fire · Bomb Disposal Robot · Kids Activity Area · Bouncy Castle · Face Painting · Sausage Sizzle · Scenic Flights · Flight Simulator Experience and much more!

SEE YOUR RESCUE TEAMS IN ACTION

HELICOPTER FLIGHTS **\$65**
per person

All flights and displays subject to weather conditions and rescue operation requirements



ASB

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

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

Visit www.annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz





Community Notices

Rangi Ruru Girls' School - "Free Events" for Year 8 Girls:

Have A Go Sport Day - Tuesday, 26 April, 10.00am – 3.00pm: Have A Go sport day encourages Year 8 girls to try a new activity, meet the Rangi coaches and staff.

Girls' Day In - Thursday, 28 April, 9.00am – 3.00pm: Girls' Day In is for girls currently in Year 8 to spend a full day as a Rangi girl with 'hands-on' sessions in subjects such as Performing Arts, Science, Language, Robotics and Art.

To book a place on the free programmes, or for more information please contact Amelia Davis on 03 983 3744 or enrolments@rangiruru.school.nz

WANTED: Alive and having your say! **Grandparents raising children**

According to the last census, there are 9500 families out there where grandchildren/ mokopuna are being raised by their grandparents, great-grandparents and other kin.

If you are such a family, or know such a family, we want to hear from you. We know that you are raising children who may otherwise be in foster care and who may have lots of special needs.

We know that you may have had battles with government agencies, health and education services and even in the courts.

Our survey gives you a chance to have your say, to tell your story, to tell us how things needs to change to make your lives better.

Now is the time! The survey will run until mid-May 2016. It can be completed online on a computer or smart phone, by telephone or on paper.

Either, go online at www.grg.org.nz and follow the links. If you don't have a computer, go to your local library and ask them to help you get set up – then it is easy!

Or, ring Liz (free) at 0800 78 78 75 to...

**ask us to email you a link to the survey, or
ask us to do it with you over the phone, or
ask us for a paper copy.**



If you are in a school, community group or support agency, please help us reach people you know who are raising their grandchildren. Also, please offer your help to support these families to complete the survey.

This message is authorised by Kate Bundle of GRG Trust. Contact me with any questions at 0272446763 or kate@grg.org.nz.

Contact Liz Gordon at Pūkeko Research Limited on 0800 78 78 75 to get access to the survey or ask questions about it.



Community Notices



SOCCER FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2-10 YEARS

We will introduce your child to the basics of soccer in a fun and team-oriented environment. Every week your child will play soccer in an energetic, social and non-competitive session led by our fabulous team of coaches!!

Term 2 starting 7/8 May

Burnside Primary School – Saturday
Redwood Park – Sunday

annalie@grasshoppersoccer.co.nz
www.grasshoppersoccer.co.nz
021 122 7666

SURFKIDS

April Holiday Surfing Programme

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years.

April School Holidays 10 am - 12 pm

18 -22 April, 26 -29 April.

Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential.

Venue :Sumner.

Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at www.surfcoach.co.nz