



Belfast School Newsletter

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Dave Cuniffe

Dates of Interest:

UMS at Camp Wed. 11 to
Fri. 13 May

LMS Cross Country Thurs.
12 May at 1.30

NE/Juniors Cross Country
Thurs. 12 May at 2.00

pp LMS Cross Country Fri.
13 May at 1.30

Assembly on Mon. 16 May at
2.15 in the Hall

ICAS Digital Technologies on
Tues. 17 May

UMS/SNR Cross Country on
Wed. 18 May at 1.30

PTA Sausage Sizzle/Bacon
Butties lunch on Fri. 20 May

pp UMS/SNR Cross Country
on Fri. 20 May at 1.30

Welcome to our new Pupils:



Felix Bennet, Lily Bennett, Charley Nutsford, Devi Dextar, Emjay Jaftha, Taylor Schroder, Ella McKay, Harry MacKay, Charlotte MacKay, Brooklyn Harris, Jairna Harris, Simon Harris-Bom, Emily Garrett, Jacob Nicholson, Connor Forbes-Lay, Kiwa Kutia, Tasha Edney, Jason Haig-Mataira-Kaiwai, Katrina Pallipat and Phoebe Kale.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2, and a very special welcome to our new pupils.

The **Upper Middle Syndicate** are going on camp at Living Springs today and will return home on Friday. We wish them all the best.

Anxiety & Parenting Workshops: The Canterbury District Health Board's School based Mental Health Team will be holding several workshops for Belfast School families here at School on the following dates and times:

Workshop 1 - About Anxiety on Children - Tips for Parents: Wednesday, 25 May 1.15 to 2.45 p.m.; and Wednesday, 25 May 7.00-8.45 p.m. The workshops will offer strategies for Parents who want to help their child struggling with anxiety. The evening workshop is a repeat of the afternoon one. Each workshop is limited to no more than 20 Parents.

Workshop 2 - Parenting Your Strong Willed Child - Tips for Parents: Thursday, 23 and 30 June 7.00 to 8.45 p.m. These 2 workshops offer strategies for Parents who want to change the behaviours they and their children struggle with. This topic is for **both** workshops, so you must be able to attend both nights. Once again this workshop is limited to no more than 20 Parents.

Bookings are essential for all workshops. Please see Karen in the School Office if you would like to attend any of the workshops. Alternatively you may email office@belfast.school.nz Please include your name, contact telephone numbers, and advise which workshop/s you would like to attend.

Farewell to Dave Cuniffe: Following the last meeting of the current Board of Trustees on Monday, we had a small function to farewell and thank our Board Chair - Dave Cuniffe. After 12 years of dedicated service to Belfast School as a Trustee and having his 3 boys go through the school, Dave has called it a day.



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During his time Dave has served as Property Convenor, Deputy Chair and for the last 3 years as Chairperson.

On behalf of the School's community I would like to thank Dave for all the work that he has done for the children and their families, and wish him, and his family all the very best for the future.

Board of Trustee Elections: The Board of Trustee Elections will be held on 3 June. Last week in the mail you will have received a nomination pack. Please note nominations close midday on 20 May 2016. Due to limited postal deliveries make sure you allow plenty of time for your nomination to arrive at the offices of the Returning Officer. If you would like information on what is involved in being a Board member, visit <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee> or call into the School Office for the booklet "A Parents' guide to the role of the Board of Trustees".

Advance Notice - Early School Finish: The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the **whole** school will finish at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 5 July. This is to enable the Y4-8 Mid-Year Reporting Interviews to begin at 2.15 p.m.

Updating School Records: Next week we will be sending home a notice to each child detailing the current Personal (telephone numbers, address etc)/Family/Emergency/Medical/Doctor contact details that we have entered in our Student Management System. Can you please check this information and write 'clearly' on this notice any changes/additions and return to your child's Teacher. If no changes are required it would be appreciated if you could sign and return your child's form to their Teacher. Thank you.



Reminder: A reminder to Parents to firstly; watch your speed when driving in and out of car parks and the driveway; and secondly not to drive into the school grounds to pick up or drop off your children. We now have 502 children and we are concerned about our children's safety. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.



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.

School Lunches:

- ✚ Sushi orders are to be made on Tuesday mornings for Wednesday lunch.
- ✚ Bakery items can be purchased for the children's lunches on Friday mornings for Friday lunch.
- ✚ Full details and order forms are available from the School Office.



Thank you to everyone who supported our "**Dress in Green**" mufti day at the end of last term. The school raised \$508.30 for St Johns, an awesome result.



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Congratulations to:

- ✚ **Alex Macdonald** in Room 16 who won \$500.00 on the Kids Pop Quiz on Si & Gary's radio show on Friday, 8 April. Great general knowledge Alex; we are sure you will have fun thinking up ideas on how to spend your prize.
- ✚ **Maggie Crawford** in Room 23 who is "Artist in Residence" on the children's programme "What Now" on a Sunday morning. As a school we are very proud of you Maggie, keep up the great work.

School Uniform for Term 2: ALL children should now be wearing our Winter uniform. Can you please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform items, particularly socks and jackets. Thank you for your support. We previously advised by The Warehouse, 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.



Parent Volunteers required for Road Patrol:

If you are able to spare 20 minutes either in the morning or afternoon to assist with Road Patrol, please leave your name with the School Office or see Linda Berryman. Thank you.

Principal on Sick Leave: I will be away on sick leave from Wednesday, 18 May for 6 weeks. Some of you may have noticed that I have been hobbling around for some months now. My replaced hip needs replacing after 12 years of service! Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Taylor will keep the school running smoothly while I am away. My best wishes for a great term.

Peter Simpson
Principal

PTA News:

- ✚ You will have received an order form for the **2016 Entertainment books** last week. We are the only local organisation in Belfast who will be selling these, so please either order online or return your order form and payment to the School Office.
- ✚ **PTA Sausage Sizzle/Bacon Butties** for lunch on Friday, 20 May. An Order form will be coming home **tomorrow**. Check the school bags!
- ✚ The PTA's next fundraising event is the **Up Cycle Ladies Clothing Event** being held on Friday, 10 June 7.00-9.30 p.m. at the Belfast Rugby Clubrooms. Tickets cost \$5.00. We need your unwanted clothing/accessories/shoes; if you or your friends have any of the above new or used and in good condition that you would like to donate for our event we will happily take off your hands. Please drop into the school Office or contact Maree on 027 2885952 to organise a pick up. All left over clothing from this event will be donated to charity.



Belfast Stars Honour Roll - 14 April 2016

Room 1	Tiana Knox
Room 2	Solarah Dawson
Room 4	Melinda Harvey
Room 5	Caitlin Humphries
Room 6	Joe Dadson
Room 7	Tyler Porteous
Room 9	Lucas Harvey
Room 10	Zara Johnstone
Room 11	Oliver Sun
Room 12	Hayden Downes
Room 13	Emma Harden
Room 14	Libby Crawford
Room 15	Emily Harris
Room 16	Junilla Abina
Room 17	Alyssa Allnutt
Room 18	Neveah Johnson
Room 21	Logan Hill
Room 22	Brae Stuart
Room 23	Emily Wilson



ASB \$1,000 Donation: A huge thank you to ASB for the donation of \$1,000 which the school received from one of the Home Loan donations.

ASB Children's Banking: This term the ASB is running the “**Score with ASB School Banking**” to encourage good savings habits. Every time a student saves \$1.00 or more through school, they will go into the fortnightly draw to win \$10, \$20 or \$50 cash prizes. If you would like more information visit www.asb.co.nz/banking-with-asb/school-banking.html





Belfast School - Reporters



NZ SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

This week is New Zealand Sign Language Week. It is an official language of New Zealand. We have been learning how to sign and why it is important. We have been learning the alphabet, our names and a few other phrases. Go to this link to find out more if you wish to learn some, deaf.org.nz/nzslw.



~ 40 HOUR FAMINE ~

The 40 Hour Famine is where anyone in the world can help the children of Syria who have tragically lost their homes and schools. Many children had to leave their homes quickly and head to safety with only a backpack of things to take with them. We can help by getting sponsors and raising money for World Vision, so that these children can be helped. We can challenge ourselves to 40 hours of no technology, T.V or things we enjoy and perhaps live out of a backpack for 40 hours. We can show our Belfast values of **Care**, **Share**, **Learn**, **Grow**.

We spoke to Mrs Winton who is organising the 40 Hour Famine and asked her how it was all going, she said *"There has been an awesome response of students signing up to take part in this year's 40 Hour Famine challenge on the weekend of 10th - 12th June. So far 93 Belfast School students have signed up and are busy finding sponsors to help raise money for the students of Syria. Belfast School you are wonderful!"*

A Big Welcome to Our New Teacher in Room 3 - Miss Lisa George.



What is your favourite colour?

Anything bright!! I love yellow because it is such a happy colour. Black is my favourite colour clothing so you will see me wearing that a lot.

What do you do for fun?

I play a lot of sports and enjoy running and going to the gym. I also love singing and dancing and spending time with my friends and family.

What is your favourite animal?

Got to be dogs and dolphins!

What is your lucky number?

I don't really have one, but if I really had to choose a number it would be 5.

Student Reporters: Harper Connolly, Louie Copeland, Caitlyn Ford



Community Notices



Little Kickers: Did you know that “Little Kickers” run classes in the Belfast School Hall on Sunday mornings. It is a great introduction to the world of sport, and classes are developed by pre-school teachers too. We cater for children aged 18 months to 5 years. FREE trials are available on request, www.littlekickers.co.nz or call 0212 475475.

ADHD Research: The Mental Health and Nutrition Research Group at the University of Canterbury is currently running a study testing a broad-spectrum vitamin-mineral formula to treat ADHD in children. If you have a child 7-12 years old with ADHD symptoms (an existing diagnosis is not required) who is not currently taking medication, see the website for further information and to register interest: <http://bit.ly/childadhd> or contact Kathryn Darling 03 364 2987 Ext 7705 or Kathryn.darling@pg.canterbury.ac.nz

Shirley Boys' High School - Open Night - Thursday, 26 May 6.30-8.30 p.m. Commencing in the Assembly Hall (entrance off North Parade).

Parent Information Evenings: To meet the Headmaster John Laurenson for an informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee on Monday 16 to Thursday 19 May 6.00-7.30 p.m. SBHS Spartans Room (PE block, entrance off North Parade).

CV Gallagher Trust Scholarship Exam: Thursday, 9 June 1.00-3.00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall (North Parade). Car parking is available at Shirley Boys' High School and Shirley Intermediate School. Visit www.shirley.school.nz for more information.

Rangi Ruru Girls' School - Open Day - Monday, 16 May - 2.00-5.30 p.m. Register online at rangiruru.school.nz/openday

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.



Audition Opportunity for 7-17 Year Olds - IMAGINE Youth Theatre is looking for keen performers from 7-17 to audition for their KidsFestshow, PINOCCHIO. One of the aims of the IMAGINE Charitable Trust is to provide opportunities to any young person who would like to be involved in the performing arts with or without experience.

Pinocchio Auditions: Sunday, 15 May 4.00-6.00 p.m. at St Ninians Church Hall, 9 Puriri Street, Riccarton. For 7-10 yo auditions are 4-5 p.m.; For 11-17 yo auditions are 5-6p.m. Rehearsals will be weekends May, June, beginning of July. Show is 12-23 July at Elmwood Theatre. Enquiries and registration to Helen at hellnhighwater@gmail.com or phone 021 044 1909.



Community Notices

Christchurch Methodist Mission's next In-Sync after school programme starts 26 May:

This is a life skills group programme for children aged 9-12 approx. who are in care, or who have experienced significant change. We have had positive feedback from both the children and their caregivers about the programme. The children find it really helpful to meet with others who have had similar experiences of change, and also learn some skills to understand and cope with their emotions. For more information please feel free to talk to one of the facilitators; Solfrid Gillman 375 1470 Ext 829 or 027 931 1986; or Neresa Hall 375 1470 Ext 837 or 027 8862329.



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.

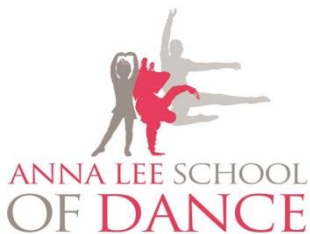
Cello Lessons:

Learn how to perform this beautiful and versatile stringed instrument in an engaging and fun studio environment! Lessons are one-on-one, tailored for a variety of performance levels (including beginners). Studio in Avonhead.

For more information, contact Rebecca at: Email: rbcelloteaching@gmail.com Telephone: 020 41115365



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

Clarkville School presents "Scared Scriptless":

An evening not to be missed, full of belly laughter! Christchurch favourites - The Court Jesters - are back at Clarkville School, bringing their hilarious comedy show for adults 'Scared Scriptless'.

A cast of quick-thinking improvisers working with no scripts and turning audience suggestions into a fast-paced, furiously funny interactive comedy extravaganza. Tickets only \$25 if bought before Monday 30 May. Available from the school office 327-8218 or online at www.facebook.com/ClarkvillePTA. Please note this show is R18 and not suitable for children.

The show starts at 7:30pm with pre-show drinks and food available from 6:30pm. Some food options to be pre-ordered via our facebook page. Drinks and food available for purchase throughout the evening with Eft-pos on site.



Community Notices

Celebrating all things British at...

FERRYMEAD Heritage park



Queen's Birthday Weekend



Sun 5th &
Mon 6th June



10am - 4.30pm daily

Join us as we celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. There will be a flag hunt, food and craft stands, old time movies, a working blacksmith, bouncy castle, plus unlimited steam train and tram rides. A great day out for the whole family.

Queen's Birthday Special Discounted Admission Prices

Adults \$20, Seniors \$15
Children \$10, Under 5 years - FREE
Family Pass \$50 (2 adults & 4 children)



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