



Belfast School Newsletter

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Dates of Interest:

School Photos on Thurs. 26 May

Winter Sports for Y5-8 start Fri. 27 May

PTA Disco on Fri. 27 May

Assembly on Mon. 30 May at 2.15 in the Hall

Prefects National Young Leaders Day Tues. 31 May

Queen's Birthday - School closed on Mon. 6 June

Newsletter Wed. 8 June

PTA Ladies Upcycle night Fri. 10 June

Welcome to our new Pupil:

Harper Mitchell.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Talofa Lava

Next week is **Samoan Language Week**. Miss Truesdale, along with the Cultural Committee, have a whole range of fun activities planned during the break times for all ages to experience. There will be Samoan dancing, quiz, storytelling, siapo chalk art and an opportunity to make ula/aso (Samoan Leis).

A big thank you to the Canterbury District Health Board's School based Mental Health Team for running the **Anxiety & Parenting Workshops, Tips for Parents**. The first workshop for Belfast School families was held this afternoon; this will be repeated tonight at 7pm in Room 20. Places are still available if you wish to attend.

There are still places available for **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. Please see Karen in the School Office if you would like to attend. Alternatively you may email office@belfast.school.nz Please include your name, contact telephone numbers.

2016 Board of Trustee Election Results:

CES, Returning Officer, have confirmed that as we received enough nominations we do not need to go ahead with an election. Therefore, I have great pleasure in announcing that the new Belfast School Board of Trustees are: Sue Fergusson, Warren Brown, Dave Pilkington, Caroline Elkington and Melanie Gussette (Parent reps) and Anne Lynskey (Staff rep), plus Peter Simpson (Principal). Congratulations to you all and we thank you for your support.

Principal Update: Peter's surgery went very well last week and he is now at home recuperating. He passes on his thanks to everyone for their kind wishes.

Cross Country Results: Congratulations to all the children who participated, you were amazing. A list of results is on page 3 of the Newsletter.



Belfast School




School Photos are tomorrow, Thursday 26 May: Please make sure your child is wearing the correct 'winter' school uniform.

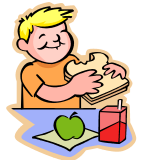
Date for your Diary: Early School Finish! The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the **whole** school will finish at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 5 July. This is to enable the Y4-8 Mid-Year Reporting Interviews to begin at 2.15 p.m.

Updating School Records: Last week we sent home (on pink paper) a notice to each child detailing the current contact details 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.



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.






Parent Volunteers still 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.

Jo Johnstone
Deputy Principal

PTA News:

-  **Disco:** Friday night, 27 May. JNR (Rooms 1-13) 6.00-7.00 p.m. and SNR (Rooms 14-23) 7.15-8.30 p.m. Belfast School children only. Tickets can be purchased from the Office for \$2.00.
-  You can still order your **2016 Entertainment books**. 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.
-  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 and will be on sale from the school Office on Monday, 30 May. Ladies 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.



Cross Country Results:

Junior Cross Country winners:

6 year old Girls	Natalia Wineti , Kaliah Lucas, Daisy Nicolson
6 year old Boys	Tyler Porteous, Ben King, Alex Zhou
5 year old Girls	Ruby Hamlin, Cameo Fisher, Alexandra Princeton
5 year old Boys	James Hammond, Ethan Clarke, Scott Gilby

The top '4' in each Year level are:

Year 3 Girls:	Cassidy Markwick, Yasaman Masumi, Mayci-Lee McKay, Brooke O'Donnell
Year 3 Boys:	Charlie Rich, Nathan Sawyer, Tonga Strickland, Tasman Banks
Year 4 Girls:	Tayla Goudge, Saraia Cameron, Jenayde Wilson, Ashleigh Peters
Year 4 Boys:	Ben Rowe, Hamish Inwood, Jordan Brown, Jaxon Blair
Year 5 Girls:	Chelsea Nicholls, Junilla Abina, Ashleigh Clarke, Lily O'Donnell
Year 5 Boys:	Rory Attwood, Cooper Siave, Isaiah Wineti, Timothy Pratt
Year 6 Girls:	Zarnia de Gouw, Reed McHugh, Alyssa Allnutt, Lauren Sharland
Year 6 Boys:	Mason Sadlier, Tyler Joyce, Liam Boyd, Corban Markwick
Year 7 Girls:	Taylor Stuart, Maggie Crawford, Harper Connolly, Tayla Worters
Year 7 Boys:	Jimmy Hastings, Jacko Siave, Jack Hatherley, Jacob Simpson
Year 8 Girls:	Aleesha Cummings, Saanch Parti, Tegan Johnson, Ella-Mae Batstone
Year 8 Boys:	Brae Stuart, Hugh Fergusson, Harry MacKay, Ali Masumi

The following Year 5-8 children participated in the **North Zones Cross Country** at Murchison Park today, Wednesday 25 May:

Year 5 Girls:	Chelsea Nicholls, Junilla Abina, Ashleigh Clarke
Year 5 Boys:	Rory Attwood, Cooper Siave, Isaiah Wineti, Timothy Pratt
Year 6 Girls:	Zarnia de Gouw, Reed McHugh, Alyssa Allnutt, Lauren Sharland
Year 6 Boys:	Mason Sadlier, Tyler Joyce, Liam Boyd
Year 7 Girls:	Taylor Stuart, Maggie Crawford, Harper Connolly
Year 7 Boys:	Jimmy Hastings, Jacko Siave, Jack Hatherley, Jacob Simpson
Year 8 Girls:	Aleesha Cummings, Saanch Parti, Tegan Johnson
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Belfast Stars Assembly - 16 May 2016

Room 1	Joshua Hurford
Room 2	Mitchell Stacey
Room 3	Ella McKay
Room 4	Ruby Anderson
Room 5	Bill Jiang
Room 6	Ariana Parti
Room 7	Shylah Angus
Room 9	Brooke O'Donnell
Room 10	Millie Brown
Room 11	Connor Reader
Room 12	Jeremiah Pratt
Room 13	Tiaremanea Johansson
Room 14	Hadley Lumb
Room 15	Kevin Ha
Room 16	Lauren Sharland
Room 17	Kazire Taewa
Room 18	Savannah Roberts
Room 21	Alex Isherwood
Room 22	Amos Vaotuua
Room 23	Logan Forsyth



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





Living Springs Camp - UMS

The Upper Middle Syndicate had an amazing time on camp at Living Springs. When they arrived they went on a long bush walk up the hill in Lyttelton Harbour. They did a whole range of activities such as horse riding, milking cows, shearing sheep as well as scaling climbing walls and doing teamwork exercises. There was a pool to swim in and balance bikes to ride on. They even got to toast marshmallows on the camp fire one evening. A huge thank you to all the teachers and parents that went on camp and who helped make it a fun and positive experience.



CHESS CLUB

With Mrs Winton



The Lower Middle Syndicate Chess Club meet on a Wednesday lunch time in Room 10 with Mrs Winton. Some members can play and some are just learning. We have around 10 chess sets so everyone can play and use their mind to challenge their opponent. Mrs Winton dusted off the large chess set and set it up for people to play outside. It attracted lots of interest and new players.





Belfast School - Reporters

“STARS” ON WHAT NOW

On Sunday four Belfast students went on What Now and did a challenge called “Faster Chef” with Master Chef winner Brett McGregor who was one of the judges. The first challenge was to decorate a cupcake. The two people who were eliminated got gunged. The next round was to make an omelette. After that they did the croquembouche which is profiteroles filled with cream and stuck together with caramel. If you missed the episode on Sunday morning you can watch it on <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/ondemand/what-now/22-05-2016/series-2016-episode-15>.

Well done to all the Belfast stars, Lucas McPhail, Alex Taylor, Harper Connolly and Erika Alridge. Special congratulations to Erika who won first prize!

CROSS COUNTRY

Last week the weather was beautiful for our Cross Country. Well done to everyone who completed the course, especially the people who made it through to zones!



Food Revolution



Friday 20th of May was Food Revolution Day, over 50 million people worldwide participated. It was a fun day to promote healthy eating which Jamie Oliver has initiated. The Junior Syndicate Discovery on Friday was all about healthy eating and helped to kick start a theme of "Healthy Eating" this week. Room 1 made some Fabulous Frozen Fruit Smoothies. They were delicious!



Junior Neighbourhood Support

Congratulations to:

Lauren Sharland in Room 16 and Ruby Hart in Room 17 who were awarded certificates at last week's Assembly from the Junior Neighbourhood Support. This was in recognition of their honesty and care in returning a wallet to its owner. Well done girls!



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.

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.

Avonside Girls' High School - Open Night - Thursday, 31 May 5.00-7.00 p.m.

180 Avonside Drive, commencing in the gymnasium at 5.00 p.m. Come and see how we educate and empower young women to be the best they can be and hear about the plans for our brand new state-of-the-art school, opening at the beginning of 2019. Visit www.avonside.school.nz or phone 389 7199 for further information.

3D Printer Days at Redwood Library: Ever wondered what a **3D Printer** is and how it works? Come along to the Redwood Library on **Thursday, 26 May 3.00-5.00 p.m.** You will be able to create with our 3D Pens and get to keep what you have created; see our 3D Printer working, ask about how it works and see the amazing items it can make; programme and have fun with DASH the Robot; see pictures come to life in our augmented reality books! This activity is for any age group and no bookings required.

The Little Mermaid production (a show for all ages) is being performed by the Impact Stage School on Friday, 15 July 3.00-4.30 p.m. and Saturday, 16 July 11.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m. and 2.00-3.30 p.m. at the Aurora Centre (Burnside High). Tickets cost \$12.50 (Caregiver required for younger viewers). For more information visit: www.impactstageschool.co.nz To book: www.ticketek.co.nz

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.



Reminder - Belfast Rugby Football Club - 100 year Anniversary

is being held at the Clubrooms during Queens Birthday Weekend. For further information email: belfastrugby100years@gmail.com or contact Glenda Spillane, Belfast Rugby Football Club Facility Manager 323 8024.



Community Notices

Imagination Station Charity Event: I am organising a charity event to save the Christchurch Imagination Station from closing its doors forever. This is perhaps one of Christchurch's best family oriented venues and learning centers and as a result, I have assembled a large group of volunteers who have banded together to do all we can to save it.

On **Saturday, 04 June 2016 from 11:00am - 1:00pm**, the Imagination Station will be filled with a variety of characters from Disney Princesses, Faeries, Mary Poppins, Maleficent herself, The Wizard of New Zealand and a number of iconic characters from the Star Wars Galaxy all in replica costumes. It is our hope that people attending the event will **donate a Gold Coin donation** for photographs with the assembled characters.

The Facebook Event is provided thus: <https://www.facebook.com/events/167171627018208/>

Thank you for your support!

Host Families needed in July 2016:



EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE at home

HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES



In July, students aged 15 – 18 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in New Zealand. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends...will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.



To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit our website. <http://studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student>



Community Notices

The GREAT Map race and The GRAND opening of orienteering course at HALSWELL QUARRY

Kennedy's bush road entrance on Sun 12th June

Start any time between 10.30am - 2pm

Activities include:

- Great Map race with prizes
- Maze running
- Monkey bridge
- Orienteering "have a go"
- Sausage sizzle
- Cake stall



Costs from \$2- \$15

Fund raising event for Halswell Scouts and for NZ junior representatives travelling to Junior World Champs in Switzerland.

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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