



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 17 August 2016

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Dates of Interest:

PTA meeting Wed. 17 August in the Staffroom at 7.00

JNR (R4/5/6/7) trip to Ferrymead Thurs. 18 August

NE (R1/2/3/8) trip to Ferrymead Fri. 19 August

Assembly Mon. 22 August 2.00 for Y1-4 and 2.30 for Y5-8 in the Hall

R9/12 trip to Airforce Museum Tues. 23 August

R10/11 trip to Airforce Museum Wed. 24 August

CantaMaths Wed. 24 August; Y7 4pm/Y8 5pm

R13 trip Airforce Museum Thurs. 25 August

Centrals Winter Tournament Thurs 25. Aug.

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Evie Nowley, Briar Ashby, Tillie Ashby and Lily Nicolson.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome:

A warm welcome to Mrs Judith Short who is teaching in Room 8 as from Monday, 15 August in a start up New Entrant class.

Maths Week:

Last week saw the school abuzz with numbers and children problem solving using their mathematical knowledge. A huge thank you to the Maths Committee who put the week together; a job extremely well done.

CantaMaths:

Whilst on the subject of Maths, we want to wish our Year 7 and 8 CantaMaths teams all the very best for the competition next Wednesday, 24 August at the Horncastle Arena. The teams are:

Year 7: Samuel Baker, Charlize Berryman, Hayden Middlemiss, Maggie Crawford

Year 8: Erika Arlidge, Paula Rodriguez, Ali Masumi, Maia Ormsby

School Activities:

- ❖ This week we have seen the Senior Syndicate travel to Porter Heights for their ski trip. The weather certainly played its part in ensuring they had a great experience on the snow.
- ❖ On Thursday and Friday the Junior Syndicate are travelling to Ferrymead to experience another time in history.
- ❖ Next week the Lower Middle Syndicate head to the Airforce Museum as part of their Inquiry on Flight.

These are the kind of experiences that your child's Activity fee covers and which enhances their learning, so your payment of that fee is really appreciated, thank you.

Central Zones Winter Tournament:



Next Thursday, 25 August, our Year 7/8 Rugby and Netball teams, and our Year 5/6 Netball team have qualified for the Central Zone Tournament at Hagley Park. Our warmest congratulations and our best wishes to all three teams for a successful day.





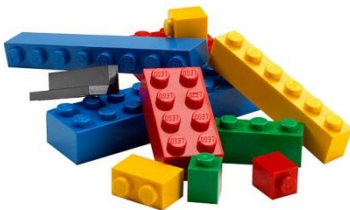
Date for your Diary:

On Wednesday, 14 September at 7.00 p.m. we are holding an information evening for Parents regarding "Bring Your Own Device". Everyone is warmly invited, however this evening will have most relevance to Parents of children in Years 5-8.

Maths Week - 100 Club Names:

These wonderful children came up with a huge range of different things to bring to school e.g. rice, salt, a paper chain, Lego, shopkins, raisins, pegs, loom bands, marbles, mini chocolate fish, stickers and polystyrene balls on toothpicks to name just a few.

Room 5:	Chelsea Attwood, Savarnah Hewson, Kaiden Collins
Room 7:	Millie Johnson, Harry Ralph
Room 10:	Maddison Johnson
Room 11:	Isabelle Woods
Room 12:	Maia Collins
Room 13:	Adara Berkett, Zoe Macdonald, Eddie Lumb, Campbell Scott, Nathan Sawyer, Ruby-May Maddock, Jesse Brunton-Pamment, Ashleigh Peters
Room 16:	Rory Attwood
Room 23:	Maggie Crawford



Lego:

If you have any sets/pieces of Lego lying around your house that are not being used, we would love to take them off you. They are a wonderful calming activity for some children and a useful wet day activity as well. Any pieces would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the school Office, thank you.

2016 Entertainment Books: The PTA still have 10 books left to sell, so if you would like one please order online at www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9141k66 or come into the School Office for more information.

Peter Simpson
Principal

Free Dental Care for Children:

Our Community Dental Service preventive mobile finished at school last term.

- After checking your child's teeth a 'Care Plan' may have been sent home to let you know that further dental care is required. If you have not made an appointment yet, please phone our Call Centre today as we would like to see your child as soon as possible.
- If your child has not been seen during our visit please phone/email our Call Centre.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back).
- Please remember to encourage your child to brush their teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste!
- **To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz**





Belfast Stars Assembly - 8 August 2016

Room 1	Kase Bailey
Room 2	Monique Frost
Room 3	Emily Pearson
Room 4	Ferne Hamlin
Room 5	Jake Eden
Room 6	Ben Ha
Room 7	Dezaiah Whiunui
Room 9	Reka Harvey
Room 10	Sophie Philpott
Room 11	Jorja Godman
Room 12	Cameron Wooldridge
Room 13	Mayci-Leigh McKay
Room 14	Noah Whitfield
Room 15	Lewis Brown
Room 16	Zarnia de Gouw
Room 17	Ruby Hart
Room 18	Seb Hewson
Room 21	Emily Garrett
Room 22	Amelia Botting
Room 23	Jimmy Hastings



ASB Children's Banking:

If you would like your child to start banking at school, please collect an application pack from the School Office.





MATHS WEEK

The Maths Committee prepared a number of challenges which were promoted during Maths Week.

- How much do the books weigh?
- How many lollies are in the jar?
- Guess the popcorn in the bucket.
- Estimate the length of the loom bands.

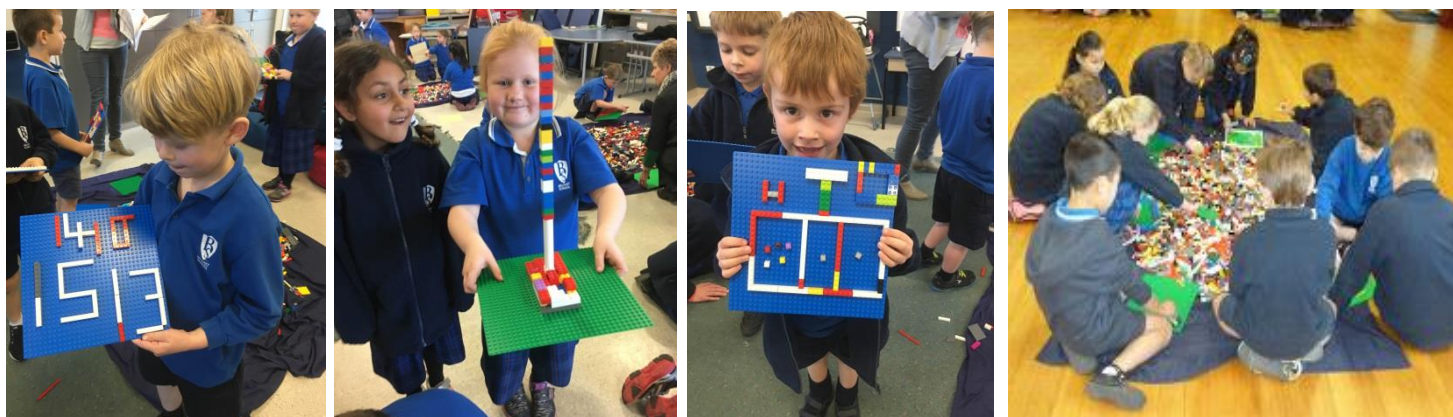
Plus, the 'Mr Lintott' vital statistics challenge!

A highlight for many students was to 'Drop Everything and Do Math' which meant to drop everything and solve the given question as fast as possible. The Maths trail was also lots of fun and a great opportunity to work in teams to solve the problems.



HOUSE OF BRICKS

As part of Maths Week we were given an amazing opportunity to contribute in the House of Bricks. There were challenging competitions in groups to see who could build a secure bridge and to determine which bridge could hold the most weight. Other classes focussed on patterns, tall, taller and tallest towers and place value. Everyone enjoyed experimenting with the Lego and using it as a learning tool.



Financial Literacy

Captain Cash, otherwise known as Amie from ASB bank, came to our school to teach us about Financial Literacy and the importance of saving money and spending it wisely. We talked about careers and also about how to make money and the income of different jobs. The Lower Middles talked about the difference between a Credit Card and an Eftpos Card then they did a quiz afterwards. The Junior classes learnt about all the different New Zealand Notes and Coins with Captain Cash.





Belfast School - Reporters

CELEBRATING THE OLYMPICS!

The Junior Syndicate competed in their own Mini Olympics on Friday. The following countries were represented - England, Australia, Canada, Philippines, United States and Brazil. They created medals, Olympic torches, and Flags. At the end of the day they participated in their own Mini Olympic games. It was a fun and exciting day!

In Room 10 with Mrs Winton, an Olympic Reading Race was held; gold medals were given out to all 5 countries. Well Done Juniors & Room 10!



Rainbow Friendship Seat

A HUGE thank you to Mr Lintott for making the Rainbow Friendship seat which has been placed in the Junior playground. This spectacular colourful seat is for children who do not have anyone to play with. As soon as they are seen sitting on the seat by their peers they are invited to play, this works well so no one is left out and everyone is included.



Student Reporters: Mekijah Pullan and Kiara Harrison



Belfast School "Fair" 16 October 2016 11am to 2pm (56 days to go!)

WOW!! Check out this haul of Chocolate from our latest school Mufti Day ... Amazing!! A HUGE thank you for your wonderful contributions for our Fair Chocolate Wheel. **Only 59 days to go!**



Are you free tonight (17 August) at 7.00 p.m. and have 30-45 minutes of free time? Come along to our PTA meeting in the Staffroom and find out what we do. Carolyn Mason will be there early and will meet you downstairs in the Office. She will introduce you to the other members. Look forward to seeing you there.

Do you have any of the following unwanted items at home?

- Children's books, puzzles and games in good condition.
- Clean unbroken toys.
- Good quality pre-loved children's clothing. (Clothing needs to be CLEAN and stain free).

We would love your donation of any of the above items.

Please deliver your items into the large boxes provided in **ROOM 16 (Mrs Berryman)**.

- Your child's teacher will inform you shortly of the classroom stall/side show that you and your child can help with at the Fair.

- We have many stall sites available. Do you know someone who may like to have a stall at our Fair? Perhaps you are a family or individual that would like to have a stall to sell your craft/business items. Please email belfastschoolpta@yahoo.co.nz or phone Carolyn on 0277 282 922.

Thank you
PTA Fair Committee





Community Notices



Have started classes at Belfast School for Year 1-4 Boys and Girls on Monday afternoons 3.10 - 4.10 p.m. \$70.00 per child per term. For more information please contact Rick at rick@kellysports.co.nz or phone 021 462098.

St John Youth:

Become part of New Zealand's leading youth organisation! Our programme focuses on teaching young people first aid, health care, leadership and life skills – all in a fun and encouraging environment that encourages growth and discovery.

We have 2 programmes; Penguins for 6-8 year olds and our Cadet programme for 8-18 year olds. For more information please contact Judy Wright at 03 353 7110 ext 3331.



St John

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PCU Softball Day:

Registration Day this Sunday, 21 August 10am to 12 noon at New Brighton Tennis Club, Rawhiti Domain, Shaw Avenue, New Brighton. For more information visit www.sportsground.co.nz/pcusoftballchch

Storylines Festival:

Storylines FREE Family Day on Sunday, 28 August at Upper Riccarton Library, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

The Storylines Festival is a great time to celebrate the joy of **reading**. Come and share the excitement of NZ books with children, families and the Christchurch community. This year's authors, illustrators and performers are:



Jane Bloomfield, Steve Gurney, Leonie Agnew, Jody Keehan, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Scott Tulloch, Elena De Roo, Greg O'Connell, Fifi Colston, James Norcliffe, Gillian Candler, Jim Cullinane, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Whanau Tahī Kapa Haka Group and Young Adults doing Book reviews.

For more information please visit www.storylines.org.nz

CrimeWatch Christchurch - Volunteers Wanted:

We are a group of volunteers of all ages who operate under Police guidance and training in keeping our City safe and to help reduce crime. If you want to join us please ring Robyn on 385 9405.



Community Notices

Canterbury DHB message to Parents: Make your GP team your first call 24/7

GP teams provide care around clock

Last week the Canterbury DHB kicked off a 'care around the clock' campaign to raise awareness of the fact that you can call your usual general practice number 24/7 and when they're closed, a team of nurses is available to answer your call. The nurses provide free health advice, and if you need to be seen urgently by a doctor, they can tell you what to do and where to go.

It's always important that people access the most appropriate health care. In most cases this is provided by general practice teams, even after hours.

Canterbury DHB would appreciate any support your school could give letting Canterbury parents know about the care around the clock service General Practices provide. It would be great if your school could use communication channels such as your newsletter to help us inform parents of the following:

- Make your GP team your first call 24/7
- After-hours (when the practice is closed) a team of nurses is available to give free health advice. If you need to be seen urgently, they can tell you what to do and where to go.
- It's easy – phone your usual General Practice number 24/7
- Put your family doctor's phone number in your contacts in your phone – then you'll have it at the ready whenever you need it – any time of day or night.

When a child is unwell it's always good to seek medical attention sooner, rather than later. It's best to phone your own general practice team any time of the day or night. If a child does need to have an appointment, **most practices in Canterbury have free consultations for those under 13.**

More information is available at www.cdhb.health.nz/carearoundtheclock

**CARE AROUND
THE CLOCK**

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Canterbury
District Health Board
Te Pōwhiri Hauora o Waitaha



Community Notices

Girls Cricket starts in Term 4 - Register now or in September

Girls love playing cricket – they enjoy making friends with new girls their own age, they love learning new skills, they thrive in being part of a team and they pick up the great values that the game can teach. Fortunately we have enough girls playing that we do have several girls only grades. St Albans Cricket Club has more females playing cricket than any other club in Chch. We currently have 3 women in the NZ team – more than any other club in NZ and we have plenty of younger girls as well. We really value and look after our females!

Our registrations open in September but you can register early if you wish. Ideally we are looking for girls in Years 4-8 to play cricket. Sisters can usually be in the same team, as can friends.

Season starts – mid October (after school holidays) but registrations are open from now to September. The season lasts till the end of March and we stop over the Xmas school holidays.

Games – are Saturday morning 9-12. These are usually played at Hagley Park. All players guaranteed to bat and bowl each week.

Grades – there are 3 girls only grades at the junior level (1. A Year 3,4,5 girls grade 2. A Year 5/6 girls grade and 3. A year 7/8 girls grade). There is flexibility within the grades to move girls based on ability and friends/ family.

Gear – all gear and coaching provided by the club. We also provide shirts and caps.

Cost – Subs are approx. \$100 per girl for the season

Practice – we practice at Hagley Park – usually on a Thursday 4-530pm (this does depend on the team members availability)

Parents – you may be interested in coaching , umpiring, scoring or managing – if so , let me know. We are always looking for parents who are happy to get involved with a team. Alternatively you may just want to watch your daughter – that's fine too.

If you are interested in knowing more or registering your daughter, Email barry@denver.co.nz or call or text 021 336837

Barry van Beurten
St Albans Cricket Club



Community Notices

Clarkville School Quiz Night:

You are guaranteed a great night out with plenty of laughs at the Clarkville School Quiz Night on Friday 16th September. Doors open at 6:30pm with spot prizes, games and raffles.

The quiz starts at 7pm 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.

Tickets just \$15pp or the special price of \$70 for table of 6 if bought by 31st August. Available from the school office 327-8218 or online at www.facebook.com/ClarkvillePTA

Eclipse Marching Team:

We need new Marchers 4 years and up. We train on Wednesdays on Breens Road. Contact Becky for more information 027 3096679. Check out our Facebook page – Eclipse Marching Teams.

Action Indoor Sports - Inflatable World:

Junior Netball and Football competitions are starting up in Term 4 for ages 7 to 18 years. Netball \$45.50 per team/per game; Football \$39.00 per team/per game plus all players pay a \$10.00 registration for the season. For more information visit www.actionindoorsports.com
The nearest Action Indoor Sports venue is in Redwood at 67 Sturrocks Road, Phone 354 1071.

Kaiapoi Junior Basketball Club:

We would like to warmly invite players to join us for the 10 week competition beginning **9 September**. This is for players Y5/6 and Y7/8.

If you are interested in being a part of the action please register at <https://kjbc.wufoo.com/forms/z1jjvx5a02td3im/>

Numbers are required now, so please get registrations in ASAP. Let's have a great season; we look forward to seeing you all there! Best regards, Justine and Adie.