



# Belfast School Newsletter

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Monday, 12 December 2016

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## Principal:

Peter Simpson

## Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Sue Fergusson

## Dates of Interest:

Reports and 2017 Class  
Placement letters home on  
Tues. 13/12

Prizegiving Assemblies on  
Wed. 14/12:

NE: 9.45

JNR: 11.45

LMS: 1.30

UMS & SNR: 7.00

Collect Stationery Packs on  
Thurs. 26/01/17 from the  
Hall between 10.00 a.m.  
and 12 noon

Term 1, 2017 starts on  
Tues. 31/01

## Happy Holidays:

We have ended the year with a roll of 536 pupils!



## Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Staffing 2017:** Our Staffing for 2017 is now finalised.

Syndicate	Room	Teaching Staff	Year Level
<b>Juniors</b>	2	Mrs Ilisa Kearns (Syndicate Leader)	1
	3	Miss Lisa George	1
	4	Miss Jess McCoy	1/2
	5	Mrs Becky Beattie/Mrs Cathie Hurdle	1/2
	6	Mrs Helen Bancroft	2
	7	Miss Brittany Baxter	2
<b>Lower Middles</b>	9	Mrs Jacqui Page	3/4
	10	Ms Lissa Toscano/Mrs Becks Teague	3/4
	11	Mrs Rebecca Philips	3/4
	12	Mr Steve Ayers	3/4
	13	Mrs Anne Lynskey (Syndicate Leader)	3/4
<b>Upper Middles</b>	14	Mrs Amber Wing	5/6
	15	Miss Emily McCombie	5/6
	16	Mrs Linda Berryman (Syndicate Leader)	5/6
	17	Miss Kellie Spence	5/6
	18	Miss Anna Truesdale	5/6
<b>Seniors</b>	21	Miss Louise Lynch	7/8
	22	Mrs Sarah Junghenn (Syndicate Leader)	7/8
	23	Mrs Tracey McLaughlin	7/8

## Farewells:

As usual at this time of the year we have to farewell a number of Staff. This year is no different.

**Amy Hurndell:** Amy is leaving us to move to Ohoka School. Amy has been at Belfast for 7 years teaching in the Senior Syndicate. Thank you Amy for your efforts and we wish you all the very best for Ohoka.

**Dave Sutherland:** Dave has had two stints with us, following his big OE in 2012 after 2 years with us in 2010/11. He returned in 2013 and moved into the Senior Syndicate in 2014, and this year has ably led the Syndicate in Sarah Junghenn's absences. Again we wish him well in his move to the new Marshland School.



# Belfast School

**Abbie Strong:** Abbie left us in Term 1, 2015 to have her first child. Having had her second child earlier this year, she has made the decision to be a 'stay at home' mother.

**Alice Woodcock:** Sadly we are losing her to Van Asch College where she has won a job as an Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf. We wish her all the very best for her new position.

**Michelle Stewart:** Michelle is leaving to attend Canterbury University to study Early Childhood Education. We wish her all the very best for her studies and hopefully a teaching career in Early Childhood.

**Lydia Dufour:** Lydia has only had a year with us and is going back to teach at her old primary school in Waipara.

**Julie Winton:** Julie has spent 18 months with us and is taking some time out from teaching to spend more time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

**Judith Short:** Judith started up our last New Entrant class for the year. She has ensured that they have had a settled and happy start to Belfast School.

**Dan George:** We were extremely fortunate that Dan's return to New Zealand coincided with a vacancy in Room 4. Dan quickly settled into Belfast School and has ensured the children continued to receive a great learning programme. Thank you Dan and all the best for the future.

**Sharmaine Hill:** Sharmaine has been cleaning for us for the last 3 years, but has decided to discontinue with this position. A big thank you to Sharmaine for all her hard work.

## **End of Year Organisation:**

**Last day of School** for children in **Years 1-7** is Wednesday, 14 December; and the morning of Thursday, 15 December for **Year 8s**.

## **Prize-giving Assemblies - Wednesday, 14 December:**

**New Entrants:** Rooms 1-2-3-8 at 9.45 a.m.

**Juniors:** Rooms 4-5-6-7 at 11.45 a.m.

**Lower Middles:** Rooms 9-10-11-12-13 at 1.30 p.m.

**Upper Middles and Seniors:** Rooms 14-15-16-17-18-21-22-23 at 7.00 p.m.

All Assemblies will be held in the School Hall and attendance is compulsory, especially for the children for the UMS/Senior prize-giving. School uniform must be worn.

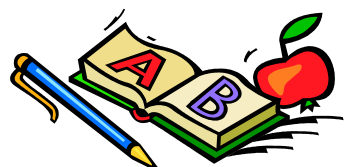
**End of Year Reports (for Y4-8 children) and 2017 Class placement letters** will be coming home with your child on Tuesday, 13 December. We are very pleased with the students academic results this year. Please look for this information in your child's school bag.

**For Children in Years 1-3: 2017 Class placement letters** will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, 13 December.

Children will get the opportunity to meet their new Teacher for 2017, tomorrow, Tuesday 13 December when we have a Transition afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

**Term 1, 2017** begins on Tuesday, 31 January 2017.

**Reminder to order 2017 Stationery Packs:** Please note that **all orders** (including payment) must be into the School Office by 3.30 p.m. Tuesday, 13 December. **Remember to collect your child's stationery pack** from the Hall on Thursday, 26 January 2017 between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.





**Canterbury Central Zone Athletics:** This was held in the Ashburton Domain on Wednesday, 7 December. 25 of our pupils participated with distinction, many making finals in their events. Congratulations to **McKenzie Bailey-McDowell** who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m sprints and shot put events. A special congratulations to **Karereatua Williams** who won her shot put event. As a school we are very proud of all of you.

**Last Day that Eftpos will be available** in the School Office will be Wednesday, 14 December. We will be closing our Eftpos facility at 3.30 p.m.

### 2017 Term Dates:

Term 1	31 January to 13 April
Term 2	1 May to 7 July
Term 3	24 July to 29 September
Term 4	16 October to 14 December (Years 1-7); 15 December (a.m. Y8s)



**“Swipe Keys” for Sheldon Park Pool are available:** ‘Swipe keys’ can be purchased from the school Office - Monday to Friday during the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. **until** Wednesday, 14 December. You will be able to access the pool after school, at the weekends and during the Christmas school holidays.

### Children turning 5 years of age!

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and May 2017**, and who will be attending Belfast School, please enroll your child. We really need to know how many 5 year olds are starting next year so we can complete the organization of our New Entrant classes. Please phone Sally on 323 8849 for further enrolment information or to make an appointment to meet with the Principal – Peter Simpson.

### Enrolment of Siblings:

Please note that if you have moved during the year and have a child still to start school, you may now be living out of the school’s enrolment Zone. If this is the case you will need to complete an Out of Zone Enrolment form. If you require further information please contact Sally on 323 8849.

**Thank You** for all your support and contribution this year which is very much appreciated. Have a lovely family time this Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone next year on Tuesday, 31 January!

**Peter Simpson**  
**Principal**





## Belfast Stars Term 4 - 5 December

Room 1	Joshua Hurford
Room 2	Monique Frost
Room 3	Cordel Samuelu
Room 4	Akuira Paku
Room 5	Paige Forsyth
Room 6	Daniel Van Der Burg
Room 7	Zhibang Cheng
Room 8	Ava Pounsford
Room 9	Chloe Snell
Room 10	Leandri du Preez
Room 11	Rubee Koskinen
Room 12	Lily Brownlees
Room 13	Tiaremanea Johansson
Room 14	Judd Fergusson
Room 15	Beilal Masoomi
Room 16	Ashleigh Clarke
Room 17	Jacob Philpott
Room 18	Brody Lidgett
Room 21	Nikau Van Pelt
Room 22	Ella Brunton
Room 23	Josh Mason



### ASB Children's Banking:

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



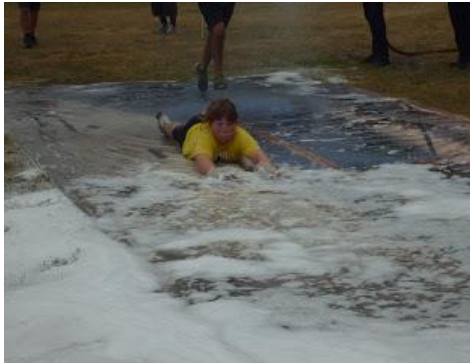




# Belfast School - Reporters

## Tough Kids Challenge

Last week the Lower Middle Syndicate joined 1500 other children from around Christchurch to take part in the Tough Kids Challenge at South Brighton Domain. The day was filled with mud, sweat, water and heaps of fun!



## JUMP JAM STARS



**Congratulations to Mackenzie Mason, Lauren Sharland and Reed McHugh who made it through the audition stages and will feature in the next Jump Jam DVD with Brett Fairweather. This is a great opportunity that being part of the winning Jump Jam team has provided for these girls.**



# Community Notices

## Belfast OSCAR - Holiday Programmes:

**Kids Christmas Holiday Programme** will be held on Thursday 15 December to Wednesday 21 December between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. \$35.00 per day. Please make your booking as soon as possible by either phoning the Programme Co-ordinator Ashleigh on 021 UR KIDS (875 437) or by emailing: oscar@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz or drop into our centre on Sheldon Park.

**Kids Summer Holiday Programme** will be held on Monday 9 January to Friday 27 January for children aged 5 to 13 years old. Hours: 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. \$35.00 per day. Bookings close on Friday, 6 January 2017. Please make your booking as soon as possible by either phoning the Programme Co-ordinator Ashleigh on 021 UR KIDS or email oscar@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz or drop into our centre on Sheldon Park.

**Please note** the Holiday Programme will not be running on Monday, 30 January 2017.

## Christmas Day Pancake Breakfast:

Christmas Day

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
Belfast Community Network  
Sheldon Park, Main North Road  
**From 8 - 9.30am**

A Community Event!  
Delicious Freshly Cooked Food!  
Lots of Fun!  
Great Company!

## EVERYONE WELCOME!

For more information  
contact the Belfast  
Community Network  
Phone : 3239731

 **Belfast Community Network Inc**  
Supporting our community as it grows  
Tautokohia to Iwi Kainga i Tana Tipuranga





# Community Notices

## Kia Kaha Kaikoura Fundraiser:

### KIA KAH KA KAIKOURA FUNDRAISER

**Join us at Sheldon Park for lots of activities**

*Hair cuts, family photos, cake stall, kids activities and on stage entertainment*

**Please note a gold coin for some activities**



**Friday 16th December 5-8pm**

*All proceeds will go to the Kaikoura Mayoral Fnd and Red Cross Kaikoura Appeal.*

*Proudly supported by the following organisations:*

Belfast Community Network | North West Collective | Belfast Bowling Club | Christchurch North Elim | Rotary Club of Kaiapoi Belfast | St David's Anglican | Christchurch North Presbyterian | Christchurch North Salvation Army | Kids First Belfast | Belfast School | Belfast Rugby Club

## Papanui High School Nightclass Information:



**TERM 1, 2017**

If you have always wanted to learn something new, or meet some new people then come along to Papanui High School and take part in one of our wide range of Night classes on offer for Term 1 2017 beginning week of 13 February.

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.



# Community Notices

## **Schooltex VIP Night at The Warehouse Store Belfast on Wednesday, 18 January 2017 between 3.00 and 8.00 p.m.:**

Dear Belfast School parents/caregivers

You are invited to attend the **Schooltex VIP night** at your local **The Warehouse Store – Belfast on Wednesday, 18th January 2017 between 3-8pm.**

Join us on the day, as we will have a dedicated team helping you select your schools uniform requirements.

### PLUS:

1. Exclusive discounts on certain item/s of your schools uniform.
2. Zero deposit laybys!!
3. Two chances for your students to win their Schooltex uniform purchase back.
4. Great deals when signing up to the Warehouse Money Card

Not forgetting your school, on confirmation of your support to the VIP event, we will be automatically putting you into the draw to win 1 of 2 \$300 the Warehouse Group vouchers.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Other T's & C's APPLY – see in store for details.







# Community Notices

## Christmas with Impact:

# CHRISTMAS

WITH

***impact***

Featuring the *Impact Co.* Kids and Guest Artists

## 90 Minutes of Your Favourite



# Christmas Music

**Friday**  
**16th December**  
**3pm & 7pm**

**Aurora Centre**

**Adults \$15**  
**Seniors/Children \$10**

Bookings at ***impact*** **03 357 1137**

Group Discounts Apply



# Community Notices

## Mainland Football Outdoor Holiday Programmes:

### DECEMBER:-

**Age:** 7-14 year olds.

**Dates:** 20th, 21st and 22nd December 2016

**Times:** 9.00am - 3.00pm

**Venue:** English Park

**Cost:** \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) *10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.*

### JANUARY:-

**Age:** 7-14 year olds.

**Dates:** 25th, 26th and 27th January 2017

**Times:** 9.00am - 3.00pm

**Venue:** English Park

**Cost:** \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days)

## Mainland Futsal Indoor Holiday Programmes

### JANUARY:

**Age:** 6-12 year olds.

**Dates:** 23rd, 24th and 25th January 2017

**Times:** 9.00am - 3.00pm

**Venue:** Pioneer Stadium

**Cost:** \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days)

## Mike Pero Colouring Competition:

Reminder to hand in your completed colouring sheet of the Christmas House to Mike Pero Belfast (Shop 6, 812 Main North Road) before 12 noon on Friday, 16 December. All entries will be displayed for visitors to view. Every entrant receives a Christmas gift. Winners will be judged and Parent/Guardian notified before end of day 16/12/16.







# Community Notices

## Science Alive - TinkerLab Programmes:



TinkerLab TICKETS GO ON  
SALE 9AM - THURSDAY



TinkerLab 24 - 27th  
JANUARY, 2017



3 DAYS - 6 WORKSHOPS  
AGES: 12 - 14 YEARS  
\$10 - \$20\* PER SESSION



BONUS: ALL AGES  
FREE - POP-UP APP  
TESTING WORKSHOPS







# Community Notices

## Holiday Writing Opportunities:

### IMAGINE – WRITE



### HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FROM THE SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WRITERS

MONDAY JANUARY 23  
FOR YEAR 4 TO 6

TUESDAY JANUARY 24  
FOR YEAR 7 TO 9



Join award-winning authors  
James Norcliffe  
and Heather McQuillan  
and let your imagination loose!

10.00am to 12.00:  
**Fantastical Beasts  
and How to Write Them!**  
Create your own mythical beast  
and write about it with complete  
authority. After all it's your  
creature creation!  
Tutor: Heather McQuillan

12.30 to 2.30:  
**The Real Reason.**  
Discover the real reasons behind  
everyday occurrences as you let  
your imagination expand, erupt  
and evolve.  
Tutor: James Norcliffe

\$10 per two-hour session  
or \$15 for both sessions  
(bring your lunch)

Hagley Community College-  
J Block off Waller Terrace

Bookings now open:  
[young.writers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:young.writers@xtra.co.nz)





# Community Notices

## Belfast Rugby Club - Holiday Rugby Camp:

**ALL 6 - 14 year olds WELCOME!**



**Belfast Junior  
RUGBY CAMP**

**SHELDON PARK, BELFAST**

**January 16th - 20th, 2017  
9:00 - 16:00 every day**

**\$150 Week or \$40 Day  
LUNCH INCLUDED**

For registration forms and further information contact:

[belfastrugby@gmail.com](mailto:belfastrugby@gmail.com)





# Community Notices

## **Belfast Skate Jam 2017 - FREE:**

Learn to skate with Scotty and the crew from the Skate Skool / FREE skate hire available / FREE Hellers Sausage Sizzle. Aimed at children aged 7-16 years, but not limited to. Phone 941 5409 for more information. This activity is funded by the Papanui-Innes Community Board and totally FREE for the children.



# BELFAST SKATE JAM



**FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY // 12-3PM // SHELDON PARK**  
RAIN DATE THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY