



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 08 February 2017

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Principal:

Peter Simpson

Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Sue Fergusson

Dates of Interest:

Assembly 13/02; Y1-4 at 2.00 and Y5-8 at 2.30

Board of Trustees meeting 13/02 at 7.00

PTA meeting 15/02 at 7.00
All most welcome

Junior Parents (R2-7) meeting 16/02 at 5.00 in Room 3

Meet the Teacher / Bring your own picnic tea 16/02 at 6.00

Parent Information Session on "Keeping Ourselves Safe" 20/02 at 2.30 in Room 20

Welcome to our new Pupils:



Kaiyah Starkey-Tapoki, Billie Starkey-Tapoki, Dylan Spencer, Amber Clarke-Allison, Leeanne Lewis, Nikolas McKinnon, Thayne McLean, Oliver Bao, Jordis Flynn, Larz Flynn, Luna Xiong, Zylia Poulter-Cootes, Archie Osborne, Max Reu, Miriama Pahi, Jacob Snell, Madison King, Ashlyn McGill, Mason Inwood, Emma Strang, Liliana Moore, Katie Chaw, Willow Commons, Laisa Wadali, Charlie Mitchell, Rubi Ward, Bradley Roxburgh, Jordyn White, Seth Hansen, Kate Botha, Megan Botha, Sohan Kuruppu, Nehan Kuruppu, Aaron Bernardino, Azhley Bernardino, Ethan Charlesworth, Tayla Goudge, Exodus Renata, Te Koha Manawatu, Te Maia Manawatu, Porourangi Manawatu, Karanamu Manawatu, Jacob Smith, Ryan Smith, and Stephen Van Der Berg.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to the new school year. I trust that you all had an enjoyable holiday break. We had a Mihi Whakatau on our first day of the term to welcome into our school all our new Staff and children.

Congratulations to our 2017 Student Leaders:

Our warmest congratulations to the following Year 8 pupils who have been appointed to Leadership positions for the 2017 year.

Head Girl	Maggie Crawford
Head Boy	Tim Currey
Deputy Girl	Aruana Vaotua
Deputy Boy	Jack Wolfe
Prefects	Jacko Siave, Nikau Van Pelt, Alex Taylor, Sam Baker, Olivia Hobbs, Amelia Botting, Deijuan Johansson

2017 House Captains:	
CARE (Red) Captain	Harper Connolly
SHARE (Blue) Captain	Jacob Simpson
LEARN (Green) Captain	Karereatua Williams
GROW (Yellow) Captain	Jimmy Hastings



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Beach Education:

All children will be attending the Beach Education programme during Weeks 3 and 4 of this term, 13-24 February.

A notice/letter will be coming home with all the details for your child's trip. Whilst the children will be travelling by bus, we require an adult-pupil ratio of 1:5 so we will need as many parents as possible to support this programme. If you are available to help supervise, your help would be really appreciated, thank you.



Walk/Wheel to School Day!

Next Wednesday, 15 February, we are participating in the Christchurch City Council's **Walk/Wheel to School Day**. There will be a separate information sheet coming home in the next few days.

Keeping Ourselves Safe - KOS:

One of our main topics this term is "Keeping Ourselves Safe". This programme is delivered by a Police Education Officer, in our case, Constable Debbie. She will be running a Parent information session on Monday, 20 February at 2.30 p.m. in Room 20. Constable Debbie will share the content of the programme during this session.

As usual at the start of the year there are some new procedures, processes and reminders to ensure a safe and happy environment for the children to learn in.

Swimming: Children are required to bring their swimming togs to school to participate in the lessons being delivered by their Teacher. If for any health/medical reason they cannot participate on any given day, you must provide a note to their Teacher. Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and is NOT optional. Your support is really appreciated.

Sun Hats: ALL children must wear a sun hat when outside during Terms 1 and 4. It is not only highly recommended by the NZ Cancer Society, it is a school rule. Can you please ensure your child has the correct school sun hat at school every day, thank you.

Uniform: Can you please ensure that your child is wearing the correct items of the school uniform.

School Hours: Children are welcome to be at school from 8.30 a.m. Please note that there is no supervision until after 8.30 a.m. when a bell will ring and children are allowed into their classrooms. The time before 8.30 is an important time for Teachers when they are either in meetings or busily preparing for the day. Children are to be in class and ready for the start of day by 8.55 a.m. Please note that school finishes at 3.00 p.m. and children should be collected as soon as possible after this time.

Please do not bring your dog into the School grounds: This is a safety issue.



Do Not Drive into the School Grounds: A friendly reminder **NOT** to drive your car into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your children. This is a **safety issue**, especially given the number of children now moving to and from the Skate Park at these busy times. Once again thank you for your co-operation.



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Absences: If your child is going to be absent from school, can you please let the school Office know by either leaving a message on the answerphone - 323 8849 option 1, or send a text to 027 6364254, or by email to absences@belfast.school.nz Please state your child's name, room number and reason why they will be absent. Thank you.

Children's Cellphones: Are to be handed into the Office before school and collected after 3.00 p.m.

Medical Issues/Health Concerns: Please make sure you have discussed any medical issues with either the Principal when completing your child's Enrolment form; or your child's Class Teacher. This information is confidentially saved into our Student Management System so that we can provide your child with the necessary care.



School Activity Fee/Contribution: An invoice detailing the amounts will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

Skate Park: Given the Skate Park's popularity, and it is a great facility, we have put in place the following rules for the use by the children from 8.30 until 8.55 a.m.

1. ALL users **must** wear a helmet.
2. No foul language to be used.
3. Only pupils using a skateboard or a scooter can be at the skate park during this time.
4. Children must go to their classroom first and prepare for their school day before going over to the skate park.

Meet the Teacher - Thursday, 16 February at 6.00 p.m. for a (bring your own) picnic/fish and chip tea on the grass outside Rooms 10-13. A welcome and introduction to the Staff, followed by two sessions in the Classrooms - 6.45 to 7.15 p.m. and 7.15 to 7.45 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's Teacher and for new families to Belfast School to meet new friends. If by any chance it is a wet evening, then please come to the school Hall for tea.



The **Junior Syndicate** (Rooms 2-7) will hold an earlier meeting at 5.00 p.m. in **Room 3** to discuss how you can support your child with their learning at home.

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.



Out of Zone Enrolments, including Siblings, Please Note:

Applications for Term 2 (starting 1 May 2017) are now open. The deadline for receipt of applications is **4.00 p.m.** on Wednesday, 1 March 2017. **If required, a Ballot for places will be held on Friday, 3 March** with successful applicants notified after that. If you have any questions or would like an Out of Zone Enrolment pack please email principal@belfast.school.nz

Peter Simpson
Principal



Belfast Stars Honour Roll - 14 December 2016

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 Berg
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





Belfast Reporters News

Welcome Back!

By our 2017 Reporters - Harper Connolly, Tonya Burling and Scarlett Bishop

Welcome back to another fantastic year at Belfast School! We hope everybody had a safe holiday and ready for another great year of learning. We would like to warmly welcome our new students and teachers. We are joined by four new teachers in 2017...



Ms Toscano
Room 10



Mrs Wing
Room 14



Miss McCombie
Room 15



Miss Spence
Room 17

What are you most excited about for this year?

Ms Toscano - Working at Belfast School and teaching Year 3 & 4

Miss Spence - Meeting all the awesome staff and students at Belfast School!

Mrs Wing - Meeting the children and their Whanau at Belfast.

Miss McCombie - Making strong and positive relationships with the children, staff and parents.

Is this your first year of teaching or have you taught at previous school?

Ms Toscano - I have taught at many schools but the most recent ones are Bromley and Cotswold

Miss Spence - This is my second year of teaching. Last year I was teaching at a school in South Auckland

Mrs Wing - Kaiapoi Borough - 11th year teaching!

Miss McCombie - First full time in Christchurch! I was a reliever for a few weeks in NZ. I had a full time post in Scotland then left to come to New Zealand.

What is the most enjoyable subject for you to teach?

Ms Toscano - I love to teach Reading and Art!

Miss Spence - I love Science and Art so I 100% enjoy teaching them!

Mrs Wing - Mindfulness, PE, Te Reo.

Miss McCombie - I enjoy sport and love making my lessons as active as possible.

Bonus Nonsense Question! What's your favourite junk food?

Ms Toscano - My favourite junk food is fish and chips...

Miss Spence - Definitely CHOCOLATE (I am addicted to it...)

Mrs Wing - Chocolate anything!

Miss McCombie - Macaroni cheese, fries and tomato sauce.

Also a massive welcome back to Mrs Teague and Mrs Hurdle who are teaching in Room 10 and Room 5 each Friday.



Belfast School PTA News

Welcome back.....it is hard to believe that another year is underway already!

We thought we would give you an update on what the PTA committee worked on during 2016.

We ran many successful events/fundraisers last year including our school fair, chocolates, up-cycle clothing event, 10 cent coin fundraiser, graduation dinner, Subway lunch, community neighbours day and calendars. Also, our regular sausage sizzles and discos for the children have been a great hit.

In this past year, the funds raised have gone towards enhancing the children's' learning environments along with the final piece to the playground equipment in the UMS, shade sales for the Junior block, outdoor junior seating, syndicate contributions, Kapa Haka and Jump Jam contributions etc.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors and supporters of our events and a huge thank you to the many children, parents/caregivers and staff that have helped with our fundraisers. We couldn't do it without you! View all of our sponsors on the next 2 pages.

First up for 2017 will be our Chocolate Bar fundraiser. This is very popular and a great way to fundraise for our school. Details of this will be out shortly.

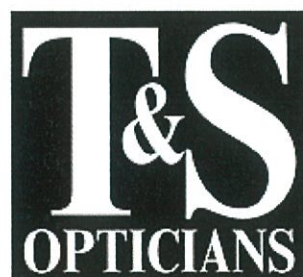
Our first PTA meeting is being held on **Wednesday, 15 February** in the school Staffroom at 7.00 p.m. We would love to meet you and value your ideas for our coming school year.

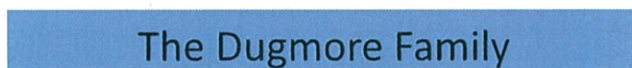
Kind regards

Belfast School PTA Committee

THANK YOU TO OUR FAIR SPONSORS

Please show your appreciation of these businesses who support our local community by taking every opportunity to support their business.







Community Notices

Belfast Community Network - Fruit and Vege Coop:

The Belfast Community Network is pleased to continue the weekly **Fruit and Vege Coop** for our community
We are situated in Sheldon Park behind the Belfast Bowling Club and next to the pool. We have lots of parking to collect your fruit and vege each **Wednesday between 11.30am-1pm**

Payments will be required

By 9am Friday **prior** to the next Wednesday delivery

First \$15 payment

This can be made by cash at our BCN office

OR

you can direct credit to our bank account:

Belfast Community Network—02 1253 0010359 00

- you **MUST** place **your surname** in the REF and **veges** in the CODE

We will also possibly have eftpos running by the first pick up as well.

We will require you to complete a form on your first pick up.

For further info please contact Arne—Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm

323 9731 or 022 6392 428

Email: support@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz





Community Notices

Mainland Football:



For 6-12 year olds on Saturday, 11 February 2017 between 1.00 and 4.00 p.m. at the Christchurch Football Centre, 466 Yaldhurst Road. This event is FREE! To register email: Emily.Toase@ccc.govt.nz

Burwood Soccer Club - Registration for Juniors:

At the Burwood AFC Clubrooms, Clare Park, 153 Burwood Road on Sunday 12 February between 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, and Monday, 13 February between 6.30 to 8.00 p.m. NB Registrations in 2017 are now done online. For further information visit our website: www.burwoodafc.co.nz

North Canterbury Netball – Have a Go Day!

FOR ALL YEAR 1 - 6 CHILDREN

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY, DUDLEY PARK NETBALL COURTS.

TIME: 10AM – 11.30AM

ALL YEAR 1 – 6 CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG TO NORTH CANTERBURY NETBALL CENTRE TO HAVE A GO AT NETBALL.
COME ALONG, HAVE FUN, LEARN NETBALL SKILLS AND PLAY A GAME!

This is FREE to attend, please register online: <http://www.ncnc.org.nz/junior-netball/have-a-go-day>

Shirley Tennis Club:

Come and join us for the second part of the summer season - Saturday mornings to end of March.

8 & under Boys/Girls – 8.30 a.m.

9-12 years Boys/Girls – 9.30 a.m.

13 and over Boys/Girls – 10.45 a.m.

\$30.00 subscription per Junior for remainder of season. Professional coaching provided as part of subscription. Please contact Wayne Turner on 385-3320 for further information.



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Nomads United AFC:

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PLAY FOOTBALL With NOMADS 2017!

*Offering you a quality, fun, friendly,
affordable football experience!*

Registration Day:

Who: Junior, Youth & Senior Players

When: Sunday 19th February 2017

Time: 2pm – 4pm

**Where: Tulett Park, Claridges Road,
Harewood**

**Or register online via our website
nomadsafc.org**

**For any enquiries please contact us on
admin@nomadsafc.org or 027 202 1574**



Community Notices

Celebrate Children's Day - Sunday, 5 March:

11am to 3pm at the green space, corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Avenue. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along friends and family. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on all the excitement. Check out the be there website for more information www.bethere.co.nz/event/24257



Belfast Netball Club:

Registrations for the 2017 season are now open. Please register online at www.belfastnetball.co.nz.

The following grades are available this season:

Future Ferns (Years 3 to 5): Please register online and you will be contacted regarding team placement.

Grades (age taken as at 1st January):

Under 11 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 10am and Thursday 16th March at 6pm

Under 12 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 10am and Thursday 16th March at 6pm

Under 13 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 12pm and Wednesday 15th March at 6pm

Under 14 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 12pm and Wednesday 15th March at 6pm

Under 15 to Under 19 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 2pm and Tuesday 14th March at 6pm

All trials are held at our netball courts located behind Belfast School. You must register prior to your trial date.

For any further inquiries please contact our club secretary Gayleen Lidgett 323 8034 or 021 142 3906.

Act2 Drama Group:

Registrations are now being taken for your child aged 6-13, or yourself aged 13 and over for our 2017 Drama Stars Programme. This course commences Friday 17th February and runs weekly for six weeks.

Juniors 5-5.50pm, **Seniors** 6-6.50pm. **Venue** is the St Albans Community Centre, 1047 Colombo St, St Albans, Christchurch

This program teaches all the essential skills, techniques and tips of drama. It involves our students in all on-stage and back stage elements of a production, where they run the show!

Auditions are held during week 3 for the Drama Stars for their very own 4 performance production. Every student who auditions gets a role.

They will then attend twice-weekly rehearsals, culminating in a well-polished production at the end of the April school holidays. Cost is \$75.

For registrations or query's please call Fay on 0210431108 or email act2dramagroup@gmail.com



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LEARN SPANISH WHILE HAVING FUN!

For Year 3-6 children - Small-sized group class (2 to 4). Lessons focus mainly on speaking and listening.

One lesson a week, after school from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Term time only. \$10.00 per student each week.



If you would like more information please email your name and contact details to nidyan@hotmail.com or text Nidyan on 021 02720970

Belfast Playcentre:

Situated in Sheldon Park, 710 Main North Road. Ph 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.



Public Health Nurses:

Public Health Nurses (PHN) are Registered Nurses who specialise in child and family health. They are employed by the Canterbury District Health Board and provide a **free** and **confidential** health service for children aged 5 – 18 years. All schools in Canterbury have a PHN assigned to their school to assist children, parents/caregivers and teachers with health concerns, resources or information. Our designated Public Health Nurse is Kate Parfitt.

If you are worried about your child's health you can contact the PHN Service yourself or a referral can be made (with your permission) by school staff or your GP. Common referrals to the PHN service may include - allergies and anaphylaxis, wetting, soiling, head lice, uncontrolled medical conditions (e.g. epilepsy, diabetes, medication, asthma), eating/nutrition, hygiene, skin conditions (e.g. eczema, scabies), puberty/sexuality/sexual health, and emotional issues (e.g. **significant changes** in behaviour at home, grief and loss, friendships/relationships).

Public Health Nurses are able to meet with parents/caregivers at home, school or work to provide health support, assessment, advice and to coordinate family health, school or support services if required.

You can contact the Public Health Nursing Service through your school or phone Kate on (03) 3836877 or email Kate.Parfitt@cdhb.health.nz. If you'd like to refer direct to the Public Health Nursing Service you can find the referral form online:

<http://www.cdhb.health.nz/Hospitals-Services/Community-Rural-Health-Services/phns/Pages/Referrals-PHNS-Service.aspx>



Community Notices

2017 Year 8 School Based HPV Vaccination Programme:

2017 Year 8 School Based HPV Vaccination Programme Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common viral infection which can cause several cancers affecting both men and women later in life. Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting this virus.

Starting 2017, both girls and boys in Year 8 will be offered free HPV Vaccination through the school based programme. A new updated version of the vaccine (Gardasil 9) will cover more strains of the virus, providing cover with 2 doses rather than 3 with Gardasil 4.

The vaccination will continue to be available within the GP Practices, however, we encourage you to participate in the school based programme. Girls and boys who have partially started the process with their GP will have the option to complete the course through the school based programme.

To enable students to receive the vaccination at school, parents will need to complete the consent form which will be sent home with the student along with supporting information during the first weeks of term one. Please check with your child or the school to ensure you receive the consent form and information pack.

For more information about the vaccine, contact Public Health Nursing Service at 03 383 6877 Ext. 99469 or 99698, talk to your doctor, practice nurse or visit www.health.govt.nz/hpv

Northern Bulldog Rugby League Club:

Murphy Park Raven Quay, Kaiapoi.

Junior Registrations are being held on Tuesday, 14 February 4.00-6.00 p.m. or Thursday, 16 February 4.00-6.00 p.m.

We would love to see some new faces, we run teams in all Junior grades.

New Players please bring some ID.

Contact Jenny Scott 021 1128626.

Children's Art & Craft Classes:

Available in Redwood area on Fridays after school and Sundays. Please call Ursula on 352-8492 for further information.