



Belfast School Newsletter

care I share I learn I grow

Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Absences:

absences@belfast.school.nz
or text 027 6364254

Contact Details:

P: (03) 323 8849
E: office@belfast.school.nz

700 Main North Road
Belfast
Christchurch 8051

Principal:

Peter Simpson

Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Sue Fergusson

Dates of Interest:

Beach Ed 23/02 for R3/4/5

Beach Ed 24/02 for R2/6/7

Assembly 27/02; Y1-4 at
2.00 and Y5-8 at 2.30

Y7/8 Boys Cricket
Tournament 01/03 & 02/03

Y5-8 Swimming Sports
02/03 starting at 12.30

pp Y5-8 Swimming Sports
03/03

Seniors Camp at Hanmer
Springs 08-10/03

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Mila Macioce, Majestic Kaneri, Kadie Herbert and Xavier Cooper



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to our Parents/Caregivers: A sincere thank you for your support of the Meet the Teacher picnic tea held last Thursday; and the Walk/Wheel to School last Wednesday. It was great to see so many families participating in both events which left a great feeling with the Staff and children.



Walk/Wheel to School Day: Congratulations to Jason and Poseidon Haig-Mataira-Kaiwai the lucky winners of the Walk/Wheel Safely to School Day 2017 promotion draw. They won the \$25.00 Warehouse Gift card.

Board of Trustees Vacancy:

Sadly one of our Board members has resigned due to a transfer with their employment out of Christchurch. We wish to acknowledge the contribution Mel Gussette made in her short time with us, and wish her and the family all the very best in their new venture.

Accordingly the Board have determined that they will fill the resulting vacancy by appointment. If ten percent more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published in the local newspaper, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to: Sue Fergusson (Chairperson), Board of Trustees, Belfast School, 700 Main North Road, Belfast, Christchurch 8051 by 30 March 2017.

Storytelling - Writing Programme:

As you have been informed, we are part of a pilot study for our Writing programme called "Storytelling". Hopefully your child is talking to you about this and even sharing their stories with you. If not please **ask them!** We are seeing some wonderful writing from the children.

storytelling schools
where every child is a storyteller



Thank you: A huge thank you to Willowbank for their generous donation of compost. Our gardens will love this!



Belfast School



Can you Help us? Our Juniors would be delighted if you could donate any old toys, games, puzzles, dolls, role play toys like tea sets, building sets, dress-ups, construction or crafty materials (i.e. card, fabric, buttons, ribbon). This is a good excuse to clean out bedrooms and cupboards! All donations can be handed into the school Office.

Year 7/8 HPV Immunisation forms: To be completed and returned urgently to your child's Teacher. Thank you.

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.

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.



Do Not Drive into the School Grounds: Another reminder **NOT** to drive your car into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your children in the morning and afternoon. 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.

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.



School Activity Fee/Contribution: An invoice detailing the amounts has been mailed this week. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

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 Assembly - 13 February 2017

| | |
|---------|------------------------------|
| Room 2 | Mason Inwood |
| Room 3 | Emma Strang |
| Room 4 | Kahu James |
| Room 5 | Felix Bennet |
| Room 6 | Billie Starkey-Tapoki |
| Room 7 | Tiana Knox |
| Room 9 | Jordan Taylor-Wootton |
| Room 10 | Cordell Kokiri |
| Room 11 | Laisa Wadali |
| Room 12 | Emma Harden |
| Room 13 | Sebastian Strydom |
| Room 14 | Terongomaianiwaniwa Williams |
| Room 15 | Corban McGill |
| Room 16 | Ashleigh Peters |
| Room 17 | Elma Stowell |
| Room 18 | Dallas Weir |
| Room 21 | Caleb Hunter |
| Room 22 | Flynn Allison |
| Room 23 | Talia Scott |



PTA News:

- ❖ **Chocolate Fundraiser:** On Wednesday, 1 March your child will bring home a box of Whittakers chocolate bars to sell. Not every family will receive a box as we only have a limited amount available. Thank you for your support.





Belfast Reporters News



SURF LIFE SAVING
NORTHERN REGION



Over the last week, classes have been going to Waimairi Beach Surf Club for our traditional **Beach Education**.

Some of the things we enjoyed are...

- Going in the water, the waves and the freshness of it all!
- Hole-digging competitions with our classmates!
- Learning the new rules, and how to stay safe in the water!



Some of the things we learnt are...

- Always swim between the flags.
- Never swim if you are tired or cold.
- If in doubt, stay out.
- Swim with an adult
- Never use broken or unsafe equipment.

We asked some pupils in Room 15 if they would go to the beach again, or not! Here are their thoughts...

Carma – Of course! The beach is a wonderful place, and I would like to learn more to swim safely in the water.

Emily – I would because it was an enjoyable experience.

Hamish – I'd like to return to play in the sand longer.

Braeden – On a warm day, I would spend my time at the beach to cool down.

Charlie – I would, but only with plenty of sunscreen!

**Written by our 2017
Reporters:**
Tonya Burling
Harper Connolly
Scarlett Bishop





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

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.

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.

Kelly Sports:

This weekly multi sport programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

After school programme for Years 1-4 is available at Belfast School on Monday afternoons; 3.10 to 4.10 p.m. This term Kelly Sports are focusing on the following sports: Football, Hockey, T-ball and Rippa Rugby.

Prices range from \$65.00-85.00. Contact Steve Potter on 021 0446283 or Email: steve@kellysports.co.nz

Visit www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-north-central for more information.



Community Notices

Papanui-Redwood Football Club:



Play Football in 2017

Join in the fun this year at

Papanui-Redwood Football Club

Grades for All Ages

First Kicks - \$50

6 years and under

7th & 8th Grade - \$90

9th & 19th Grade - \$115

Seniors & Masters - \$225

Registrations now open Online at

<https://www.facebook.com/PapanuiRedwoodAFC>

click on our Sign Up button to register.

Swannanoa Country Fair:



Sunday, 5 May at Swannanoa Domain on Tram Road. 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Over 150 craft and trade stalls, huge white elephant, pony rides, miniature train, cake stall, food & drink. Live Auction at 12 noon. All day entertainment! Entry for Adults \$5.00 donation. For more info visit www.swannanoacountryfair.co.nz

ASB Information for Parents/Caregivers:

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

ASB Bank Limited 56380 16785 0117

ASB



Community Notices

Clicking Kids Photo Club:

Photography Tuition - weekly 1 hour sessions.

Fun course to create a portfolio, build artistic confidence and take amazing photos! \$25.00 per hour.



Contact Kia on 027 8277572

Piano and Theory, and ESOL Tuition 2017:



Experienced registered piano teacher and ESOL teacher has vacancies for 2017. Situated in Papanui. All enquiries welcome. Contact Diane Coad 027 6623544 or 352 8073

Highland Dancing Classes:

Highland Dancing classes for Boys and Girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram, commencing on Saturday, the 1st April. All new entrants should be at the hall by 9.30am for a starting time of 9.45am. Boys and Girls from Age 5 years upwards plus any that are due to turn 5 in the near future will be very welcome.

This year we are making a special drive to attract more boys to join our many young female dancers. The learning of Highland Dancing contributes to children's bodily strength, musical appreciation and co-ordination, as well as providing the opportunity to socialise with their peers. Highland Dancing can become a life-time interest.

All information on our classes can be obtained by emailing calyhighland@paradise.net.nz or c.cole@clear.net.nz or visiting our facebook page – Canterbury Caledonian Society Highland Dancing or the Canterbury Caledonian Society website – Highland Dancing. Our Caledonian Society Classes are kept at a minimal cost to accommodate family budgets. All enquiries will be welcomed. **HIGHLAND DANCING IS FUN!**

Barista Coffee/Ice-creams etc

Visit the Event Extras caravan at the Northwood Supa Centa carpark for real fruit ice-cream or frozen yoghurt; Barista Coffee; milk shakes; cold drinks; and hot food.

Text coffee orders to 027 4208081.



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



Free Orchestral Concert:

ORCHESTRAL EXTRAVAGANZA

FEATURING ORCHESTRAS FROM RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL,
CHRIST'S COLLEGE AND ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE

Wednesday 22 March 22, 7.30pm • Christ's College Assembly Hall
Free admission. No bookings required.



Rangi Ruru
Girls' School



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY



ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE
ANGLO-WELSH BOYDERS' SCHOOL



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](tel:02102720970)

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.





Community Notices

Middle Years Toolbox Parenting Course (6-12 years):

Monday, 6 March - 10 April 2017 at Bishopdale - 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

A fun and inspiring small group parenting course for parents of children aged 6-12 years. In 6 sessions over 6 weeks, the Middle Years Toolbox is designed to help you stay connected, teach skills and build memories. Make the most of these years while your children still want to be a part of your team.

\$75.00 per person and \$110.00 per couple. Please note that subsidies are available. *Free to Foster carers, whanau caregivers, adopters, Grandparents raising grandchildren, and home for life parents, thanks to Government funding.*

For more information or to register contact Kirsten Wyllie 03 379 6053 or email canterbury@parentingplacing.nz

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>