



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 8 March 2017

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Christchurch 8051

Principal:

Peter Simpson

Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Sue Fergusson

Dates of Interest:

Seniors Camp at Hanmer
Springs 08-10/03

Assembly 13/03; Y1-4 at
2.00 and Y5-8 at 2.30

North Zone Swimming
Sports at Jellie Park on
14/03 starting at 12 noon

PTA Sausage Sizzle on
16/03 at 12.40

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Eilidh Baldwin and Ilijana Du Preez.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Board of Trustees Update on Principal Appointment:

You will be aware that our Principal, Peter Simpson, has resigned recently to take up a position as a Leadership Advisor to first time Principals in the Canterbury region. While we know that Peter will be a real asset to his new role the Board of Trustees has realised the need to make an early start on the appointment process.

We intend to move quickly and expect to be in a position to employ a new Principal for the start of Term 3. Jo Johnstone, Deputy Principal, will step in as Acting Principal for Term 2 or until a new Principal is employed.

The Board of Trustees has employed an external advisor, who has experience working with school Boards to appoint a new Principal, to support and guide us during this process.

It is important to us to have your input and would appreciate your responses to the question we asked via email earlier in the week.

What characteristics are important to you in our new Principal?

Please respond by email to botmail@belfast.school.nz by Friday, 10 March. We would love your feedback and intend to find the important themes from your responses and include them in the Application pack.

Sue Fergusson

Chairperson - Board of Trustees

Y5-8 Swimming Sports:

Last Thursday we held a very successful Senior swimming sports at Sheldon Pool. Congratulations to the winners, and to **Blue House** and the Prefects who won the annual relays.



Congratulations and all the best to the pupils who will be competing at the North Zone Sports at Jellie Park on Tuesday, 14 March, 12 noon to 3.00 p.m.



Board of Trustees Vacancy:

The Board have determined that they will fill the 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.

School Policy to be Reviewed:

"Recognition of Cultural Diversity" (to be reviewed by Board, Staff and Parents)

To review this Policy go to our SchoolDocs site at www.belfast.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: belfast Password: sheldon

Click onto Current Review and select the policy; read the policy.

Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list. Enter your name (optional). Submit your ratings and comments.

Storytelling@Belfast:

It has been an exciting start to the year with Storytelling being implemented throughout our school. We have set up a Blog page detailing what Storytelling is and the journey we are taking. Make sure you visit the Storytelling Blog site to see some snapshots of our young storytellers in action.



To access the Storytelling Blog page go to our Belfast School website www.belfastschool.co.nz and click onto the link on the front page.

Belfast School have been accepted to be a part of the Positive Behaviour For Learning School-Wide Initiative funded by the Ministry of Education:

PB4L School-Wide looks at learning and behaviour from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. The framework can be tailored to our school's environment and cultural needs.

It is not about changing the students; it is about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices. This is a 3-5 year initiative to ensure sustainability. Our School Community will be consulted throughout the journey. Your contribution will be crucial in the success of Belfast PB4L-SW. We have a team of eleven which is made up of teaching staff, support staff, admin staff, BOT and parents. For more information on PB4L-SW go to <http://pb4l.tki.org.nz/PB4L-School-Wide/What-is-PB4L-School-Wide> and watch the video link.



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Sheldon Park Swimming Pool:

Will be closing on Sunday, 12 March 2017 due to major behavioural issues out of school hours. Swipe Keys are to be returned to the School Office (between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.) by Friday, 31 March to receive the \$20.00 refundable deposit.

Sheldon Park Car Park:

Please make sure your windows are up and your car doors are locked as there have been several thefts from unsecured vehicles in the past couple of weeks.



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.

School Hours: Children are welcome to be at school from 8.30 a.m. however 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: Please do **NOT** 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.



School Activity Fee/Contribution: 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.



Peter Simpson
Principal



Belfast Stars Assembly - 27 February 2017

Room 2	Honor Edwards
Room 3	Stephen Van Der Berg
Room 4	Zella Renata-Taituha
Room 5	Kadie Herbert
Room 6	Kevin Mei
Room 7	Solarah Dawson
Room 9	Selina Weir
Room 10	Millie Johnson
Room 11	Kaiden Collins
Room 12	Connor Reader
Room 13	Kaliah Lucas
Room 14	Jemma Currey
Room 15	Shikyla Johnson-Stewart
Room 16	Spencer Ford
Room 17	Rylee-Paige Ward
Room 18	Eric Holt-Hegan
Room 21	Brooke Bray
Room 22	Emily Harris
Room 23	Sohan Kuruppu



PTA News:



- ❖ **Chocolate Fundraiser:** Thank you to those who have already sold their box of chocolates, you are amazing. Please return money to the PTA Parents in the Hall between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m. each school day. Please note all monies to be handed in by Friday, 17 March.
- ❖ **Sausage Sizzle – Thursday, 16 March:** An order form was sent home on Monday 06/03. Orders are to be placed at the Hall on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 March between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m.



Welcome to Week 6!



Last Thursday, Years 5-8 had their swimming sports. All of the participants did a fantastic job and everybody tried their best. During swimming sports, everybody had an amazing time and we all enjoyed it very much. Congratulations and good luck to all competitors who are going to compete at Zones. We would like to say a quick thank you to the teachers and helpers who organised the competition.

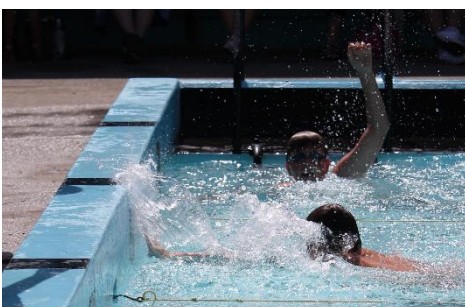


The house colour relays were exciting and ended with these results; **Blue** house in first place, **Red** in second, **Green** in third and **Yellow** in fourth - good job! Our very last relay was the Prefects in first, Teachers and Staff in second and our House Captains in third.

We were very lucky this year... Mr. Simpson decided to join us in the water for his last term here at Belfast School! There was a big cheer when he dived into the pool and raced against his grandson, Jacob, in the Staff v Pupils race.



Our wonderful day came to an end with a whole Upper Middle and Senior school Whirlpool, and a few minutes of free time to cool off at the end.



Written by Reporters:
Harper Connolly, Tonya
Burling and Scarlett Bishop



Junior Neighbourhood News



Dear Parents/Caregivers



I was very pleased to attend the recent Assembly and appoint the Junior Neighbourhood Support Leaders for this year, **Emily Harris** and **Olivia Hobbs**.

Look out for the messages and information they will present to the school about community well-being and safety.

I also presented an award to **Jack Wolfe**, who we are very proud of for showing his strength of character, by asking fellow students who were riding their scooters in the school grounds to get off and walk, and making sure they did.



Please think of any Belfast students who you know have done something that assists others, and promotes a safe and strong community, and fill in a nomination form available from the school Office, so they can receive a JNS award.

Kind regards

Elissa Smith
Co-ordinator
Junior Neighbourhood Support



Community Notices

Belfast RFC Junior Rugby Registrations 2017:

The 2017 Junior Rugby Season is due to start in April and the Belfast Rugby club is welcoming registrations for all grades from Under 6 to Under 16.

Full registration details can be found at www.belfastrugby.co.nz

Please direct any queries to juniorsbrfc@gmail.com



Registration closing dates:

Under 6 to Under 13: 19th March

Under 14 to Under 16 : 1st April



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.



Community Notices

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.

Belfast Community Network – OSCAR Programme for the School Holidays:



Tuesday 18 to Friday 28 April 2017 for ages 5 to 13 years old. 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. \$35.00 per day (NB from \$0.00 per day with a WINZ subsidy).

Contact Programme Coordinator Ashleigh – phone 021 UR KIDS (875 437); Email: oscar@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz or drop into our centre on Sheldon Park.

Programme:

Tuesday 18 April - Invention Madness
Wednesday 19 April - Swimming
Thursday 20 April - PJ Party and Movies
Friday 21 April - Willowbank

Monday 24 April - SPCA Education Centre
Tuesday 25 April - Closed ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26 April - Blue Skies
Thursday 27 April - Creation Station
Friday 28 April - Movie Theatres



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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.

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.

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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

Southern Cross Irish Dance School:

Beginner Classes - 1st lesson FREE!

Tuesdays

4pm-5pm (from 28th Feb 2017 onwards)

Christchurch Irish Society Hall

29 Domain Tce, Spreydon

Saturdays

10am-11am (from 4th March 2017 onwards)

St Mary's Church Hall

329 Halswell Rd, Halswell



**Southern
Cross
Irish Dance**

Great for kids to gain confidence, co-ordination and rhythm

To book, contact Shannon & Argène on 022 040 3109 or

Email: southerncrossirishdance@gmail.com

View our website at: www.SouthernCrossIrishDance.com for more information.

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

Job Vacancy:

Orion

Customer Service Representative (part-time)

Orion plays a vital role in supplying electricity to our communities in Canterbury. At Orion we have an inclusive organisational culture and a strong community focus.

We are looking for a part time Customer Service Representative to work in our Christchurch based Contact Centre near the airport. Because it's important to keep our customers connected no matter the time of day and through emergencies, the Contact Centre operates a 24/7 shift roster. This is a varied and interesting role in a modern inbound call centre. If you are interested in learning more, the full advertisement and job description can be found on the careers page on our website: <https://oriongroup.careercentre.net.nz/Job>

Action Indoor Sports:

ACTION SPORTS STADIUMS

(Teams and Individuals Welcome)

Season Starts (Term 2)

Indoor Cricket T20: 6 aside

Indoor Football: 6 aside*

*15-18 Youth Grades (5 a-side)

Play the game you love all year round. Get your mates together, and get into the Action.

Entries this season are

OPENING NOW!

Graded Competitions for ages 7 – 18yrs

All officials and equipment provided.

All children receive rewards.

2 Great Locations:

Central City, 7 Iversen Tce

Friday Evenings, Ph: 366-6601

Hornby, 81 Buchanans Rd

Friday Evenings, Ph. 342-6800

Phone to enter, or enter online at **www.actionindoorsports.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.

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