



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 10 May 2017

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Jo Johnstone

Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Sue Fergusson

Dates of Interest:

Assembly on Mon. 15/05,
Y1-4 at 2.00 and Y5-8 at
2.30

LMS (R9-13) Cross Country
on Tues. 16 May at 12.45

JNR (R1-7) Cross Country on
Tues. 16 May at 2.00

North Zone Cross Country
on Wed. 17/05 at 1.00 (pp
24/05) at Murchison Park

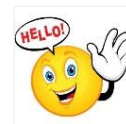
PTA Disco on Fri. 19/05

School Photos on Wed.
24/05

PTA Subway Lunch on
Thurs. 25/05

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Brooklyn Hansen, Benjamin Mackley, Adam Clark, Coopah Wilson, Briar Smyth, Torrin Smyth, Amani Macioce, Charlie Paku, Azura Vine, Sadie Perry, Addison Perry, Kael Nicholls, and Charlotte Hammond.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora and welcome to Term 2. It is great to see so many students joining the Belfast family, and especially a warm welcome back to Mrs Winton who is teaching in Room 11.

Our Curriculum focus for this term is Science, Physical World and World Science. Syndicates are focusing on Inquiry topics based around Weather, Water and Forces. The Science Alive Team have been visiting the Junior Syndicate already this week as part of their inquiry. There is also a Health focus this term. We look forward to Life Education and Harold the Giraffe visiting us as well as a Magic Show for some Syndicates, scheduled for this Friday teaching us to 'Eat Right'.

The **New 'PLAY-EAT-LEARN' Timetable** is going well. We will fully review this at the end of the term. The children are enjoying having three play times and then returning to the class ready to eat then learn. Thank you for your support with the 'carbo' snack, we are still refining what this looks like in terms of different snack items. We have certainly noticed how tidy the grounds look with less litter to blow around the school.

Thank you for your support and kind messages for **Peter Simpson** last term who, after 23 years as Principal at Belfast School, has begun his new job supporting other Principals in the Canterbury region. He was grateful for the farewell we gave him and we wish him well in his new role.



Baby News: Congratulations to Rebecca Philips and her husband Jeff on the early arrival of 'Blake Charles Philips'. We are delighted for them both.

Principal Appointment Update from Sue Fergusson, Board of Trustees Chairperson:

We are well into the process of finding our new Principal. Applications have closed and we have had a great response, with numerous applicants. The Board of Trustees met over the holidays and have created a short list of applicants that we will be interviewing soon. We are on track to employ a new Principal for the start of Term 3 and are very confident that one of our applicants will be perfect for Belfast School. We will keep you posted!



Belfast School

Winter Uniform: A reminder that all children need to be wearing correct school uniform, the main difference being the tartan culottes for the girls. There should be no long sleeved skivvies visible under polo shirts. We have school photos in Week 4 and we expect all children to be wearing correct uniform by this time.



A reminder to lock all Scooters: We urge children to name and lock their scooters each day. We have got some signs being made to help remind them to do this.

World Vision: A group of Prefects led an Assembly on Monday for the Year 3-8 students and spoke passionately about the plights of children in Syria.

This term we are inviting Belfast Students to consider the refugee children in Syria and raise funds through the 40 Hour Famine to support them. The children do not have to fast, they can go without technology or furniture (sleeping and eating on the floor!), for 40 or even 20 hours. Thank you to Mrs Winton for organising this fundraiser. Sponsorship forms are available from Room 11.

Cross Country: Yesterday the Year 5-8 students competed in the school Cross Country. Congratulations to those children that have made it through to the Zones. They will receive some extra training from Damian Steele as part of our partnership with the Rugby Club and Sport Canterbury. The Lower Middle Syndicate and the Juniors will hold their Cross Country event on Tuesday, 16 May.



NZ Sign Language week:

Children and teachers will be building upon their sign language skills as this becomes a bigger focus this week.



Z Good in the Hood: Please support the PTA Fundraiser by going to the Z Belfast petrol station during the month of May. When making any purchases you will receive a token, please make sure you post it into Belfast School's box. Thank you for your support.



Tissues:

As the weather is cooling down there is an increased need for tissues in the classrooms. If at all possible can you please donate a box of tissues to your child's Teacher for use in the classroom. Thank you.



Reading Logs:

There has been a great response from the children reading over the holidays. If you haven't returned your form to the school Office please do so before Monday's Assembly on 15 May.

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.

We are looking forward to a great Term 2.

Jo Johnstone
Acting Principal



Belfast Stars Honour Roll - 12 April 2017

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| Room 2 | Liliana Moore |
| Room 3 | Katie Chaw |
| Room 4 | Georgia Scott |
| Room 5 | Lyrik Tawhana |
| Room 6 | Lily Bennett |
| Room 7 | Levi Brown |
| Room 9 | Hollie Abbot |
| Room 10 | Ali Asghari |
| Room 11 | Bella Toomer |
| Room 12 | Emma Harden |
| Room 13 | Haylee O'Neill-Roux |
| Room 14 | Maia Collins |
| Room 15 | Emily Scott-Johnston |
| Room 16 | Keela Connolly |
| Room 17 | Jessica Shivas |
| Room 18 | Brooklyn Reynolds-Peterson |
| Room 21 | Aruana Vaotuuu |
| Room 22 | Harper Connolly |
| Room 23 | Katelyn Botha |



PTA News:

- ❖ The next **PTA meeting** is being held on Wednesday, 17 May at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend.
- ❖ A **Disco** will be held for Belfast School children only on Friday, 19 May – keep a look out for the notice coming home on Thursday this week.
- ❖ **Subway Lunch** will be held on Thursday, 25 May. A notice/order form will be sent out next week.
- ❖ A **Quiz Night** is planned for Friday, 16 June. More details soon.
- ❖ **Entertainment Books:** Information regarding the purchase of these books was sent home with the eldest child in each family at the end of Term 1. If you didn't receive this please call into the School Office.
- ❖ **Z's Good in the Hood programme:** The school's PTA has had their application accepted to be part of "Good in the Hood". We hope to receive a share of the \$4,000 depending on how the voting goes. This promotion starts in **MAY** so please get all your friends, families and businesses into **Z Belfast** and make a purchase to receive their token.





Mr Simpson's Farewell

On the very last Wednesday of Term One we said a very sad farewell to Mr Simpson, and celebrated the many years he served here at Belfast School, and how he shaped it to be such a loving and safe environment.

The whole school sung at the assembly dedicated to him and sent him lots of love with gifts that each class (along with their buddy-reading class) had prepared.



A 'Mr Simpson' tree was even planted directly opposite his office window, in the Senior Syndicate play area in memory of him. The three people to plant it were Cooper and Jackson Siave, and Jacob Simpson.

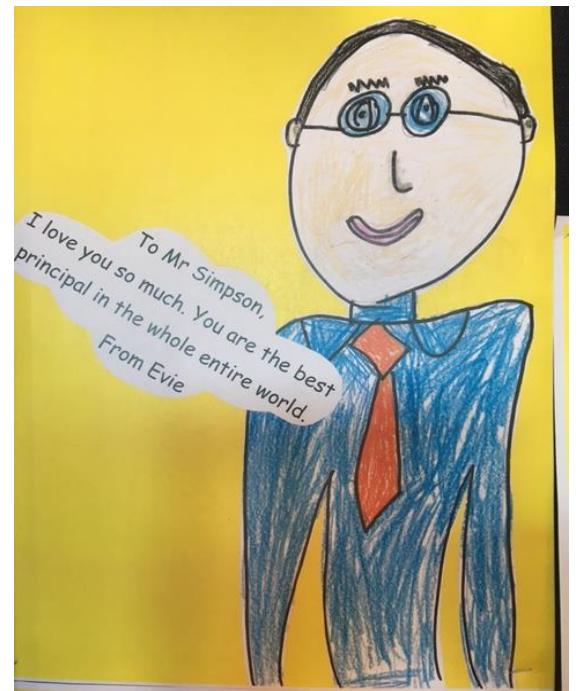
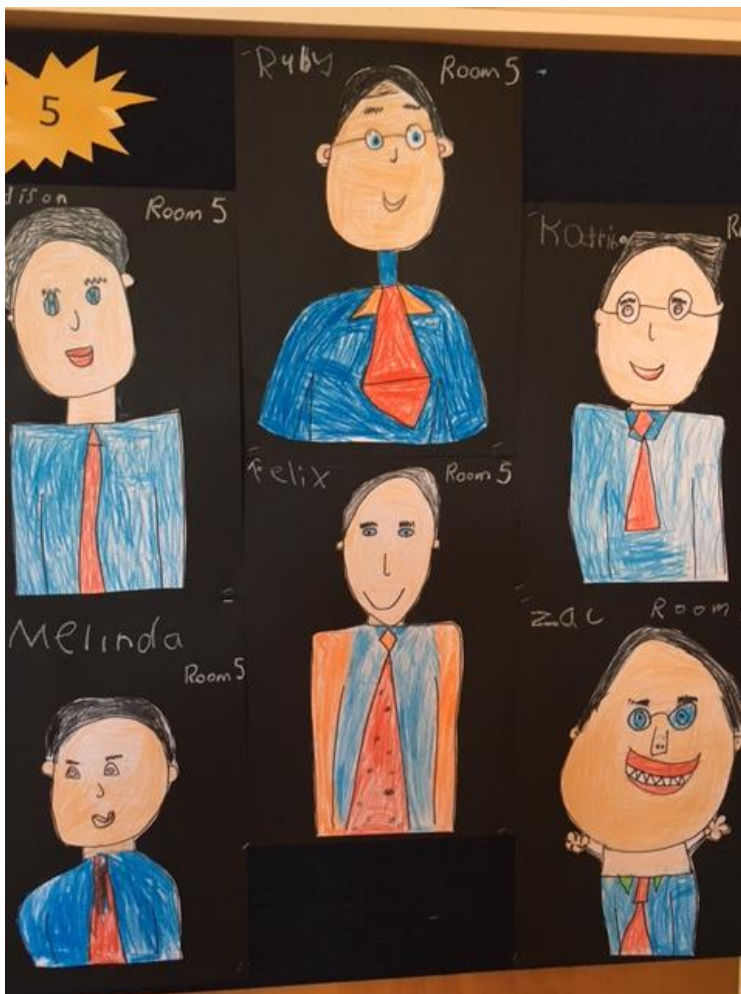
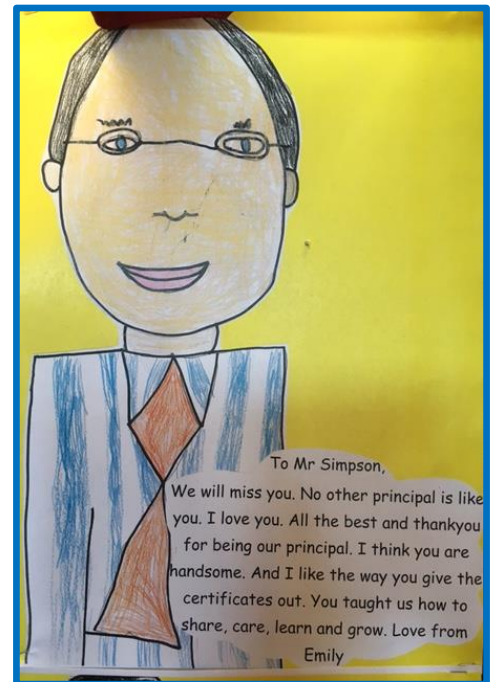


The Board of Trustees on behalf of the pupils and staff gave Mr Simpson an awesome present – a stunning garden sculpture!



Belfast Reporters News

The children produced and displayed fantastic artwork in the Hall as part of Mr Simpson's farewell:





St John



Towards the end of Term the Juniors and Lower Middles had a special visit from St John. They learnt about safety and what to do in an emergency. To thank them, the school ran a fundraising Mufti Day, encouraging everyone to come to school dressed in "yellow or gold" to represent the colours of the St John services. The money raised by the Mufti Day was donated to them, in thanks for the time taken out of their day to teach children about health and safety. On behalf of the school we say thank you very much!

Basketball



Recently Belfast School has formed two Senior Basketball Teams. They start on the 23rd of May, Term Two. They will play at Cowells Stadium on Tuesday Nights, as both teams fortunately have enough players to do so. The 'A' team has nine players and the 'B' team has seven. As a team, they were even invited to meet two of the Rams players. Both our teams are extremely excited for a new season of Basketball!

World Vision/40 Hour Famine

Recently, World Vision has opened the opportunity to, once again, take part in the 40 Hour Famine. Four of our very lucky Prefects got the chance to go and experience what it is like at World Vision.



World Vision

Maggie: I absolutely loved the experience. It gave us a real insight of what happens in Syria and the effect it has on its people. It helped me to find passion for World Vision and the 40 Hour Famine and the good it does. I will continue to support others in need as well as encourage others to help them.

Harper: It was fascinating to actually realise how privileged we are, compared to others in Syria and all over the world. Especially how the children are so full of hope after their country had been bombed, something much worse than any of us could even start to understand, or even imagine.

World Vision is here to help the children in Syria and other places that need our support. Last year they encouraged us to participate in the 40 Hour Famine, which raised 1.8 million dollars! If we continue to do this each year hopefully the community will grow, raising more money for the children who need our help.

House Colour Day!

As part of our **traditional House Colour Day**, we split into our House Colours and played some games. We were very privileged this time to have a group of students from Papanui High School come to run these activities.

REPORTERS: Harper Connolly, Tonya Burling and Scarlett Bishop



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.

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.

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



Shirley Boys' High School - Open Night:

THURSDAY 25 MAY - 6.30-8.30 PM, COMMENCING WITH BRIEF ADDRESS BY THE HEADMASTER IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL (entrance off North Parade).

For more information visit www.shirley.school.nz

Avonside Girls' High School - Open Evening:

Thursday, 25 May from 5.00 to 7.00 p.m. starting in the gymnasium at 5.00 p.m.

Come and see how we educate and empower young women to be the best they can be and hear about the plans for our brand new state-of-the-art school, opening Term 2, 2019.

For more information visit www.avonside.school.nz





Community Notices

JOIN A FREE BUDGETING COURSE!

Term 2, 2017 on Wednesdays: 17th, 24th, and 31st May 7:00pm-9:00pm
At Christchurch North Elim Church, 801b Main North Road, Belfast

All registrations and enquiries to Karen Fraser
Phone: 029 777 7533 or 323 7212
Email: realsteps@christchurchnorthelim.org.nz



**A FREE course to help you manage
your money better and learn to
budget, save and spend well.**

Keeping Connected Evening Meetings:

Matt Doocey MP for Waimakariri

KEEPING CONNECTED EVENING MEETINGS

It's important to me to be accessible as your Member of Parliament and to keep connected to your issues. I invite you to meet with me in your area from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Rangiora Town Hall - 1 May
Kaiapoi Library - 8 May
Woodend Community Hall - 15 May
Oxford Town Hall - 16 May
West Eyreton School - 17 May
Belfast Rugby Football Club - 18 May
Swannanoa Community Hall - 22 May
Cust Community Hall - 29 May



Funded by the Parliamentary Service and authorised by Matt Doocey,
MP for Waimakariri, 130A Percival St, Rangiora





Community Notices



Music Lessons in Belfast! Drums, Guitar, Piano:

Special discount for May - **Buy 2 terms, get 1 free!**

Maree Thom, 021 2609899 or email mareethom@gmail.com

World Fair Trade Day – Celebrate with Trade Aid:

Learn about the world of fair trade on **Saturday, 13 May** at our family events.

Event one: Kids crafting, hands-on learning and chocolate tasting, Free craft activities for ages 5-12, no booking required. **Where?** Central Library Peterborough, 91 Peterborough Street. **When?** World Fair Trade Day, Saturday 13 May, 11am - 12pm

Event two: In-store food tastings, face painting, guess the beans in the jar competition and colouring competition. **Where?** Trade Aid Christchurch, The Container Mall (formerly Re:START), 96 Oxford Tce. **When?** World Fair Trade Day, Saturday 13 May, 11am – 4pm.



Do you enjoy Gymnastics, Dance and Ballet?

Are you a girl aged 5 - 10 years?? - RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS COULD BE FOR YOU!

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a sport that combines elements of dance, gymnastics and co-ordination. It also builds confidence and body awareness. You are invited to come along and observe or 'have a go' in our warm and friendly environment.



We are looking for girls keen to join us in a new recreational class on Saturday Mornings at Breens Intermediate School, Bishopdale.

Please phone Sarah at 03 354 5552 or see our Facebook page: Delta Rhythmic Gymnastic Club Inc.



Community Notices

Dyspraxia Fun Groups:

The Dyspraxia Support Group holds fun groups for children aged between 5 to 13 years of age on Saturday afternoons during term time. The groups participate in a programme put together and delivered by a team of enthusiastic supervisors.

If you have a child or know a child with Developmental Dyspraxia/DCD who would be interested in attending, please contact Sue on 358 3249 or email: dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz.

Open Audition Call from Act2 Drama Group:



AUDITION CALL
Ages 5 and up and for all abilities

**The Kidsfest production of
The Jungle Book**



Audition Date:
Sunday 14th May
St Albans Community Centre
1047 Colombo Street
Christchurch 8014

Performance Dates:
16-22 July 2017

Directors Fay Barnes & Andrew Murphy

**Call/Text Fay on 0210431108 to book an audition
time or for more information.**



Community Notices

Marching – Skellerup Royal Kilties Under 12s:



SKELLERUP ROYAL KILTIES U12



We are looking for new girls aged 5 years to 12 years to join our Skellerup family for the 2017/2018 season.

All levels of experience welcome

Contact us for more information:

**Lana McCarroll:
027 2647540**



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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**