



Belfast School Newsletter

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Dates of Interest:

Cultural Festival
performance Thurs. 17/08
at 6.30 at Horncastle Arena

Assembly at 2.15 on Mon.
21/08

CantaMaths at Horncastle
Arena on Thurs. 24/08

Senior School Open
Day/Night on Thurs. 24/08

Daffodil Day Mufti Day on
Fri. 25/08

PTA meeting on Wed. 30/08
at 7.00

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Amy Jiao, Eve McGarry, Evan Hattingh, Azalea Collins,
Jordan Guo, Rita Wu, Leroy Fu, Monica Meng, and Kaylee
Feng.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa - Hello everyone

We have been excited by the response to our Facebook page. By the end of the first week there were over 200 people following. We have so many interesting and good news stories to share. One very positive story is of the Year 5/6 Football team from the last day of the winter sports at Rangiora on Friday.

A teacher from St Joseph's has complimented the team and their fabulous parent helper, Rachel, on their fantastic sportsmanship. St Joseph's were short of players so TK Manawatu and Timothy Pratt of the Belfast team volunteered to play for them so there would be a fair competition. The boys played competitively for the St Joseph's team ensuring the game was a challenge and fun for everyone. Their Belfast team mates were also positive about having to lend the opposition players. Belfast won the game however, rather than it being just a formality, it was worthwhile for all the players. Congratulations to all the players for demonstrating our school values especially Share - Aroha. Many thanks to Rachel for her part as the referee and supporting St Joseph's. St Joseph's valued the experience.

Literacy Quiz Night: We are also grateful to hear your positive feedback. Last week two teams participated in the Literacy Quiz night at Springston. The Staff (Jacqui Page, Margaret Symes and Anne Lynskey) who prepared and went with the students have been acknowledged by a parent who had a daughter participate. She emailed this comment: *"I just wanted to say thank you for providing this opportunity. It was quite a trip out there and required a significant commitment in terms of time and energy from you both, we really appreciated it, thank you."*

All the best to our Kapa haka performing in the Cultural Festival on Thursday night, 17 August at 6.30 p.m. Thank you to the coaches/teachers for all your hard work in preparing our children.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning: Thank you to all those who participated in the School Values survey last term. We had 119 parent / caregiver responses as well as 100% staff and student contributions. The outcome was very clear and consistent with agreeance of what we value and expect of our learners. The three top characteristics for each of our schools values that contribute to making a positive successful learner are:



CARE – Respectful, kind, supportive

SHARE – Fair, team player, supportive

LEARN – Focused, inquisitive, motivated

GROW – self managing, positive, risk taking

The PB4L team is leading the staff on developing the practices that will reinforce these values and characteristics. We will keep you updated with progress and there will be opportunities for you to add your voice to the process.

Open day and Evening presentation: We welcome parents / caregivers and whanau to visit our Senior school on Thursday 24th August to see our Year 7-8 students working and to hear about their school experiences. The evening presentation will be led by the students who will be showcasing some of the opportunities they have at Belfast as senior students. It is also an opportunity for me to meet with you and hear your ideas about what you see as valuable for young people of this age. I will be talking about my recent experience in the secondary environment and the attributes of students who succeed at high school.

Belfast School Senior School Open Day & Evening

Thursday 24 August
Open Day 9:00 - 3:00pm
Evening 6-7pm

Our senior students will be
your ambassadors.

Programme starts at 6:00pm

Kapahaka - Haka performance

Head Students- Maggie & Tim

Jump Jam demonstration

Past pupils share their experiences

Basketball skills demonstration

Tour and sharing slide presentations

Principal's message

Preparing for a Digital World: Our young people are living in an increasingly digital focused world which brings both benefits and risks. Learning to be cyber smart and knowing how to keep themselves safe is becoming a priority. Schools, parents, whānau and the community all have a part to play in helping our young people understand what to do and how to react when things put them at risk. John Parsons is a highly sought after specialist in Cyber Safety Education and we have booked John to deliver his education programme to the students, staff and community in June 2018. If you would like to learn more about John and his *Simulate 2 Educate* work use this link <http://www.simulate2educate.co.nz/> We will give you more details closer to the time.

Keep in Touch: We are focused on providing a quality education for all our young people and celebrating their successes. We value the opportunity to get feedback from our parents and whānau. If there is anything you would like to discuss please let us know. We are happy to make a time to meet with you.

Nga mihi nui

Sue Elley

Principal - Tumuaki



Book Week: The School received \$1,609.65 to spend on books for the Library through the profit made on the Book Fair sales. Thank you so much for your support.



Fundraiser for Prefects Leadership trip to Wellington: This week your child brought home a pizza order form for lunch on Monday, 28 August. Please return the form with the correct money to the Hall between 8.30 and 8.55 a.m. on Monday, 21 and Tuesday, 22 August. Thank you for supporting our student leaders.

Huge thank you to: L. Johnson Construction Limited, Tony Cole Financial Services Limited and Rotary for their very generous donations for the 2x Jump Jam teams who will be competing at the Nationals in Auckland in October.



“Belfast in the Park” : Sunday, 20 August – 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Come along and see our fabulous Jump Jam teams perform at Belfast Community Network’s community event this Sunday. We are selling fruit sticks, candy floss and helping with face painting to promote and raise funds for our trip to Auckland. Hope you come along and see us!

“In the Hood” Junior Inquiry: The Junior syndicate would love to hear from families who have lived in Belfast for a long time. We would like to share information, photos and stories of how the area has changed. It would be great if we could even have someone come and talk to the children. Please contact Ilisa Kearns in Room 2 if you can help.



Can you help? Are you able to help in the New Entrant classes with Reading, Writing or Maths as Parent/Grandparent help? This can be for reading with children, helping at story writing time or playing maths games. Please leave your name and contact details at the Office.



Children turning 5!

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and December 2017** who will be attending Belfast School, please phone Sally on 323-8849 for further enrolment information or to make an appointment to meet with Sue Elley, Principal.

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.



Belfast Stars Assembly - 7 August 2017

Room 1	Adam Clarke
Room 2	Willow Commons
Room 3	Abas Masoomi
Room 4	Zella Renata-Taituha
Room 5	Madison Cameron
Room 6	Ferne Hamlin
Room 7	Daniel Van Der Berg
Room 9	Linkin Hei
Room 10	Ryleigh Jordan
Room 11	Sharvarnah Bryant
Room 12	Millie Fairbairn
Room 13	Kory Merrin
Room 14	Ella Paget
Room 15	Miki Marcoschi
Room 16	Caydn Chamberlain
Room 17	Sapphire Walsh
Room 18	Logan Jessup
Room 21	Maia Harrison
Room 22	Jairna Harris
Room 23	Lucas Charles





BOOK WEEK

Last week was Book Week and it included lots of fun activities such as, Book Character Dress Up, a visit to the Book Fair, Guess the Teacher behind the book, Bedtime Stories as well as Mystery Readers who visited the classrooms and read to the children.



DRESS UP DAY

On Wednesday we dressed as a book character. All the children that dressed up looked wonderful and all showed off their creative outfits in the parade outside the Junior block.

Here are some examples of the wonderful costumes people were wearing:





Book Fair

The book fair was open all last week for the children to write their own wish list, have a nosey round and buy books. The theme was 'Happy Campers'.



Bedtime Stories

Children from Years 1-3 snuggled up in their PJs and sleeping bags to listen to some bedtime stories while they drank their milo. The Librarians from the Redwood Library started off the storytelling, followed by Mr Ayers then Mrs Elley.





Window Displays

As part of our Book Week activities each of the classes took part in a window display competition. Here are some examples –



Rm 17



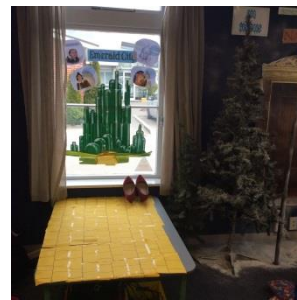
Rm 15



Rm 3



Rm 13



Rm 18

1st - Room 4

2nd - Room 18

3rd - Room 17

Highly Commended - Rooms 1, 6 and 23





Welcome to our International Visitors

We have 5 visitors from China visiting Belfast School for two weeks. Their Buddies have been supporting them and showing them the school values of Care, Share, Learn and Grow. We interviewed the oldest of the visitors, Monica, age 12 years to find out more about her...



Monica

I like to draw, read and sing. I'm from China. I like being at Belfast. I play the accordion. Miss Lynch is a very nice teacher. I like to eat rice and noodles. I like gardens and parks. I play badminton. My friends are Aruana and Maggie. I love Pandas. I have one sister.

REPORTERS: Harper Connolly, Sophie Pratt, and Ashleigh Oliver



UPCOMING EVENTS

DURING TERM THREE WE WILL BE RUNNING THE FOLLOWING:

- **SPICECRAFT FUNDRAISER** - Information sent home last week.
- **QUIZ NIGHT** - Friday 15th September. Tickets on sale **NOW!** (See details below).
- **NEXT PTA MEETING** - Wednesday 30th August at 7:00pm. School staffroom.
- **ELECTION DAY** - Saturday 23rd September. Cake stall and sausage sizzle.
- **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE** - Wednesday 27th September. (See details below).
- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** - Thursday 28th September.

WHERE DOES THE FUNDRAISING GO?

Each year your PTA contribute \$500.00 to each school syndicate to enhance your children's learning experiences.

In the last newsletter we focused on the Lower Middle Syndicate and their new Lego set and those very bouncy balls! This time it's the Senior Syndicate. Part of their \$500.00 went towards their Senior camp. Check out the pictures below.



We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your support of our events and fundraisers. We couldn't do it without you!



PTA News

PTA Profile:

Hi I am Maree,

I have been part of the PTA for nearly nine years and currently hold the position of Vice President. Over the years I have been actively involved whether it's been running sausage sizzles, organising events such as the Clothing Upcycle to collecting money. I enjoy being involved with the PTA as everything we do is for the kids.



During my time we have fundraised for two playgrounds, sandpit, shade sails for the Junior block plus numerous other things. We have also always given money to help with such things as school camps and kapa haka uniforms. I have two daughters, Mackenzie in Year 6 and Maddie who started High School this year. We love to see new faces and welcome new ideas, whether you hold a position or are a friend of the PTA.

FACEBOOK:

We regularly post updates on our PTA Facebook page. Click the icon below to head to our Facebook page and hit "LIKE".



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE:

Wednesday 27th September from 2:30pm.

The PTA needs your surplus school uniforms! Please bring your surplus pre-loved (clean and tidy) uniform items at home that you are willing to donate to the school, please bring them into the school Office.

SPICECRAFT

www.spicecraft.co.nz

Our new fundraiser for August is "Spicecraft". NZ made, No MSG, all natural, gluten and dairy free spice products. Check out our Facebook page or the flyer in your children's school bag.



QUIZ NIGHT

Get your family, friends and work colleagues together for a great night. Tickets on sale Monday 14th August from the school office. Get in quick as the tickets will sell out quickly.



BELFAST SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT ?

Friday 15th September

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM, QUIZ STARTS AT 7PM

BYO SNACKS/NIBBLES - BAR OPEN - CASH/EFTPOS

SPOT PRIZES - RAFFLES

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED TEAM ETC

\$10 PER PERSON - MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PLAY!

TEAMS - MAX 6 PEOPLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BELFAST SCHOOL OFFICE

VENUE: BELFAST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS

18 MARCH PLACE, BELFAST, CHRISTCHURCH

CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN!



DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

We are currently looking for the following donations to the PTA.

- Two to three large chilly bins - Must keep items chilled and be in clean and very tidy condition.
- Second hand uniform - Clean and tidy.

If you have any of the above, please can you deliver to the school office. Thank you.

We are also looking for.....

- Small under bench or similar sized fridge. This must be in good condition and in working order.

If you have a fridge similar to the above, please contact Deena Boyd on 021 2233588 to discuss. Thanks.



Community Notices

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

FREE

Belfast In the Park



11.30am -

2.30pm

**Sunday 20th
August**

**Stalls, Food, Activities and
Performances.**

FUN for everyone.

**Sheldon
Park,**

**710 Main North Road,
Belfast**





Community Notices

Annies Nannies : Free Playgroup

Annies Nannies run fortnightly playgroups at Belfast Playcentre on Fridays from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Come along – it's **free** and open to everyone.

See our Facebook page events for details on our next date or call the office on 03 366 8628.

Visit www.anniesnannies.co.nz

Email info@anniesnannies.co.nz

Recruiting now for Empire Marching Team!

If your daughter(s) is interested in joining a new fun sport introduce her to marching! She doesn't have to be an expert, we'll teach her all the basics and she'll make friends for life!

We're an Introductory Grade team and are looking for girls aged between 4 and 12, she can even bring a friend along! For questions and enquiries please contact Selinna on 0220256410 or Kellie on 021334786.

Music Lessons in Belfast!

Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Piano \$33 per 30min, or \$25 per 30min for 2+ Terms.

Maree Thom, 021 260 9899/mareethom@gmail.com

World Organics Skincare and Makeup

A New Zealand owned Organically made with the best produce, sourced ethically from around the world. These products are natural, nourishing and great for all skin types. If you would love to try samples, buy or hold a get together, please either go to my webstore: www.worldorganics.com/Amanda, or contact me directly:

Amanda on 0275400137

ASB Information for Parents/Caregivers:



Bring your ASB School Banking envelope to school. Any spare coins will do. If you save \$1.00 each week in Term 3, you will have \$10.00 for the school holidays!



Community Notices

Parenting Week in Christchurch – 21-31 August



Belfast Community Network - Fruit and Vege Co-op:

Weekly Fruit and Vege Co – Op

We deliver a variety of healthy produce at the affordable price of \$15.00 each week to our community.

Open to All



Example of our Fruit and Veges

Pick up from our building, located behind the bowling club, on Sheldon Park.

Plenty of parking!

Cash: Payments and Pick up 11am - 1pm Wednesday

Internet: Account No. 02-1253-0010359-00 **Reference:** Veges

Payment Made by Thursday 9pm

Pick up 11am – 5pm Wednesdays

Sign up: support@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz

Phone: 03 3239731, 0226392428



Community Notices

2017 Elections - Staff Required!

Apply here: <http://www.elections.org.nz/events/2017-general-election/working-2017-general-election>

BEFORE ELECTION DAY: We're looking for people to work both in electorate headquarters and advance voting places. We're looking for over 2,500 people to work in electorate headquarters and in the 450 advance voting places nationwide.

ELECTION DAY: We'll be looking for mobile managers, voting place managers, enquiry officers and issuing officers. We'll have around 2,400 election day voting places around the country and are looking for over 12,000 people to run them.

All staff are trained and paid for the work, and it's a great opportunity to be part of New Zealand's biggest community event.

Term 3 Courses at Real Steps, Christchurch North Elim Church:

Registrations open now for Courses in Term 3
Solutions - Anger Management
CAP Money - Budgeting
Strength - Couple Communication

Please contact Karen Fraser

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