



# Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 30 August 2017

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## Principal:

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Sue Fergusson

## Dates of Interest:

Assembly at 2.15 on Mon.  
04/11

R10/12 & half R9 visiting  
Antarctic Centre Tues.  
05/09 at 9.00

R11/13 & half R9 visiting  
Antarctic Centre Tues.  
05/09 at 11.45

R14/16 trip to New World  
Wed. 06/09

R15/17/18 trip to New  
World Thurs. 07/09

## Welcome to our new Pupils:

Bea Cole, Bill Berry, Avah-Rose McKay, Lucah Coates and  
Pavi Rekha Sankar.



## Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Tena koutou katoa - Hello everyone

The changing weather as winter nears an end is giving children the chance to be outside during their breaks to enjoy their games and activities. Our Play, Eat, Learn schedule provides children with plenty of time for physical play and social interactions at the end of a focussed learning time followed by a quieter social time for eating. Having a set time for eating encourages children to take their time and eat well. The benefit is that their energy levels remain reasonably consistent throughout the day and this helps with learning.

### Our growing roll

We are getting ready to open our fourth New Entrant class for the year in Room 8 and welcome our newest staff member Mrs Gay Johnston to our team. Gay is a very experienced New Entrant teacher and we are looking forward to working with her. Gay (known as Mrs J to her students ) has set up her class space and is eagerly waiting for the first group of students to begin.

### Updating our communication systems

We are developing our new web-based publication using Hail. Once completed our Hail site will work like a digital magazine where we will be sharing our news, images, videos and students' work. It will also be the place to go to for information about school and events. It will have links to our Facebook page, our PTA, and class blogs. We hope to have the site operating early in Term 4. We will let you know as soon as it is ready.

Our Facebook page is generating a lot of positive comments and feedback from parents is that you are enjoying the things we share. In the few weeks since we started our page we have grown to nearly 300 followers. Thanks for your support.

### Cantamaths Competition

A Year 7 and a Year 8 team of students participated in the recent Cantamaths competition. If you haven't seen the competition in action it is full of tension and excitement as the teams race the clock to complete as many maths problems as possible.

All eyes in the audience focus on the team runners who take the answer to the markers to check it is correct. There is no need to hear what is



said – a shake of the head means an incorrect answer and the runner returns to the team for another try. A correct answer results in a smile on the runner's face and the points go up on the score board.

Our Year 7 team beat last year's score and the Year 8s had reached 60 points by the time ended. Our congratulations to both teams for their perseverance and team work. Who would ever have thought a maths competition could be as exciting as a final sporting event?

## **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)**

This week Cara Taylor, Ilisa Kearns and I attended the PB4L conference in Auckland. PB4L is a Ministry of Education initiative that has been implemented by a wide range of schools throughout the country. We had the opportunity to hear international experts share the research behind this very successful framework and also from principals and students who have embedded the PB4L practices in their schools.

A key component of PB4L is using Restorative Practices. Iain Taylor, an award-winning New Zealand principal, made the point at the conference that when students make mistakes in their academic learning we provide them with feedback and help them to correct the error so they learn. When students make mistakes in their social behaviours we are more likely to punish than correct them.

PB4L strategies and processes are implemented with the purpose of correcting and developing positive social behaviours. *PB4L Restorative Practice is based on a set of best practice tools and techniques to support a consistent and sustainable approach to managing positive, respectful relationships within the school (MOE).* All Belfast staff will receive training in Restorative Practice in the future.

## **Senior School Open Evening**

Last week our senior students showcased their learning experiences by leading the open evening. Our visiting parents and whanau were entertained and informed by our students using digital media, performances and exhibits. Our students were confident, articulate and knowledgeable. Many adults find public speaking challenging so it was impressive see our young people managing to do this with no sign of nerves (although we know that there were some butterflies in the tummies). We hope that if you attended this event that you enjoyed the experience and thank you for coming.

We continue to work on providing your children with the best possible learning experiences in a warm and welcoming environment. Our hardworking staff appreciate your support and feedback. We are happy to make a time to meet with you if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Nga mihi nui

**Sue Elley**

**Principal - Tumuaki**

## **Fuel for Schools:**

A huge thank you to Fuel for Schools for their very generous donation of two Chromebooks to the school.

The children in Rooms 10 and 11 are thoroughly enjoying using them!





# Belfast School



**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.



## **We desperately need Parent Helpers to help with Road Patrol!**

Can you spare 30 minutes in the morning between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m. OR 20 minutes in the afternoon between 2.55 and 3.15 p.m.? Please see Linda Berryman in R16 or leave your number and contact phone number at the school Office. Thank you.

## **Children turning 5!**

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and April 2018** 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 Uniform**

We have recently received several enquiries as to when the children can wear their summer uniform. Summer uniform is only to be worn in Terms 1 and 4.

## **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 - 21 August 2017**

<b>Room 1</b>	Khushi Karki
<b>Room 2</b>	Bradley Edwards
<b>Room 3</b>	Ilijana Du Preez
<b>Room 4</b>	Emjay Jaftha
<b>Room 5</b>	Riley Wickes
<b>Room 6</b>	Kingston Donnelly
<b>Room 7</b>	Jacob O'Connell
<b>Room 9</b>	Paige Forsyth
<b>Room 10</b>	Isabella Eder
<b>Room 11</b>	Tyson Cole
<b>Room 12</b>	Oliver Sun
<b>Room 13</b>	Zara Johnstone
<b>Room 14</b>	Lucas Harvey
<b>Room 15</b>	Rory Attwood
<b>Room 16</b>	Eve McGarry
<b>Room 17</b>	Bobbi Bailey-McDowell
<b>Room 18</b>	Kazire Taewa
<b>Room 21</b>	Aruana Vaotuuu
<b>Room 22</b>	Karereatua Williams
<b>Room 23</b>	Komal Tailor







## Senior Open Night!



Last Thursday evening the Senior students represented Belfast School by showing off their skills to the parents and children that are considering joining the Seniors next year.

Everybody gathered in Room 20 for the performances from the Kapa Haka boys, the Jump Jam team and the Basketballers. The parents had the opportunity to walk around and look at the slideshows that the students had created.



We also had Elissa Smith from Junior Neighbourhood Support and the student representatives who talked about their role in supporting the community. During the day cooking took place with Jane Baker and then all of the biscuits got handed out during the Open Evening.

## Cantamaths



On the 23rd of August two teams, one Year 7 and the other Year 8, took part in the Cantamaths Competition. The Year 8 team got a very impressive score of 60/100 and the Year 7 team got 30/100. They all worked very hard as a team and reached a very high achievement.



## Daffodil Day

Last Friday was Daffodil Day! We all tried our best to dress up in as much yellow and green as we could. Everyone looked great and brought along a gold coin donation and the money raised was given to the Cancer Society. We raised \$464.10 which is a great result!





## Kapa Haka



On the 17th of August the Kapa Haka group went to Horncastle Arena and represented Belfast School at the Cultural Festival. Their performance went for 6 minutes and 40 seconds, they did exceptionally well and performed to a high standard.

A big well done to the Kapa Haka group, Miss Truesdale and the Tutors.







## League Superstars!



Congratulations to Hendrix Annett (under 10s), Porourangi Manawatu (under 9s), and Ashton Duggan (under 12s) who have qualified for the Canterbury League team. Well done boys!



## Congratulations to:

Taylor Cameron in Room 17 who has been in Australia representing Canterbury for the Australian Golden Gloves. He did very well and is coming home with a Silver medal.



## Basketball Superstars!

Congratulations to Kerereatua Williams, Cooper Siave and Jacob Simpson who have all qualified for the Under 13 Basketball team for Canterbury.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **QUIZ NIGHT** - Friday 15th September. Tickets on sale **NOW!**
- **ELECTION DAY** - Saturday 23rd September. Cake stall and sausage sizzle. We will be asking families for cake donations leading up to this date.
- **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE** - Wednesday 27th September. (See details below).
- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** - Thursday 28th September.

### 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 to the school Office.





# 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**

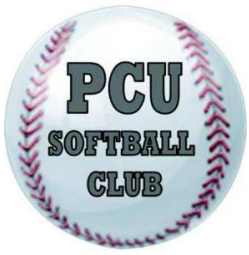
**VENUE: BELFAST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS**

**18 MARCH PLACE, BELFAST, CHRISTCHURCH**

**CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN!**



# Community Notices



## PCU Softball Club

Parklands Christchurch United is a family orientated softball club which delivers enjoyable softball and excellence from high level elite to tee-ball through first class management systems, leadership, coaching and facilities.

**Register now for the 2017/18 season.**

Visit [www.sportsground.co.nz/pcusoftballchch](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/pcusoftballchch) or email [pcusoftball@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pcusoftball@xtra.co.nz)

## Shirley Tennis Club - 2017/18 Season underway!

**Juniors** – Saturday mornings:

8 and under Boys/Girls at 8.30 a.m.

9 – 12 years Boys/Girls at 9.30 a.m.

13 and over Boys/girls at 10.45 a.m.

Venue: Richmond Park.

For more information contact:

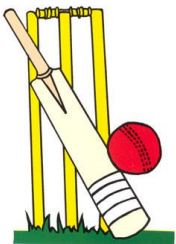
Wayne Turner, Junior Administrator (385-3320)

Visit: [www.shirleytennis.co.nz](http://www.shirleytennis.co.nz)



## Kaiapoi Cricket Club

### Junior Player Registration Day!



2 September 2017 from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. at the Kaiapoi Cricket Club, Smith Street, Kaiapoi. Alternatively you can register online by liking our Facebook page, **Kaiapoi Cricket Club** and following the link to our CricHQ registration page.

**Belfast in the Park** has been postponed to Sunday, 17 September, 11.30 to 2.30.

## 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](http://www.anniesnannies.co.nz)

Email [info@anniesnannies.co.nz](mailto:info@anniesnannies.co.nz)



# Community Notices

## Papanui Toc H Athletics Club Opening Night

**26 September, 5.30-7.00 p.m.**

With Winter sport coming to an end and the summer quickly approaching, come and try your hand at athletics. Come and have fun and learn skills that can help improve your power, speed agility and strength for your winter sport.

Come and experience our 130m all-weather track, 400m grass track, with some of the top discus, shot-put, high jump and long jump training facilities and coaches in Christchurch.

We are based at Papanui High School, and you can find out more about us at our web page: **[www.papanuitochathletics.org.nz](http://www.papanuitochathletics.org.nz)** (see the Junior Section), or contact our Junior Club Captain for more information at [jcc@ptoch.org.nz](mailto:jcc@ptoch.org.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](mailto: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](http://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

## 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](mailto:support@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz)

Phone: 03 3239731, 0226392428

## Sport Canterbury Active Kids October School Holiday Programme:



### Active Kids Holiday Programmes

Registrations now open for **October School Holidays**– **book online!**

Week 1 – Mon 2nd – Fri 6th October \*LINCOLN \*WESTBURN \*PAPANUI

Week 2 – Mon 9th– Fri 13<sup>th</sup> October \*CHCH BOYS HIGH \* ROLLESTON

- Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure
- Delivered by enthusiastic, fully trained staff
- OSCAR approved; WINZ subsidies apply

P 03 373 50 60

E [activekids@sportcanterbury.org.nz](mailto:activekids@sportcanterbury.org.nz)

[www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)



# Community Notices



## PEGASUS FUN RUN

Sunday  
1 October  
2017

**Make it your 1st event of Spring!**

**11km and 6km options – plus a 2.5km lakeside loop!**



### Sunday, 1 October 2017:

This is a fun run targeted at families in North Canterbury/North Christchurch and a great event for the community. There is the option of running 2.5, 6 or 11 kms, but a day full of family activities for the children, food vendors and a band.

Unlike other running events cost is not a barrier with pre-registration for Adults only \$15; children \$5 and under 5's free.