



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 25 October 2017

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Dates of Interest:

Assembly for the whole
school on Mon. 30/10 at
2.00 in the Hall

Year 5-8 Athletics on Tues.
31/10 at 9.45.
Postponement Wed. 01/11

PTA mtg Wed. 01/11 at
7.00 in the Staffroom

Mufti Day - Cans donation
on Thurs. 02/11

Disco on Fri. 03/11

North Zone Athletics on
Wed. 08/11 at Rawhiti
Domain 9.00-2.00 pp 09/11

PTA Sausage Sizzle Thurs.
09/11

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Taane Strickland, Coby Turvey-Batt, Matthew Ahn, Nicholas Elkington, Tilly McHaffie, Cooper Bristowe, Savannah Brydie, Georgie Barratt, Pearl Blease, Hansen Hong, Natalie O'Connell, Tiravich Sasomsub, Angela Lim, Roman Medri, Ji Woo Baek, Nate Milne, and Tyson Hearn.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa - Hello and welcome everyone to the final term of the year.

Athletic Sports

The Spring weather is giving the children a chance to be outside for breaks and the playground is a hive of activity. It is great to see so many children with their hats on. Each afternoon the Year 5-8 classes have been practicing with lots of enthusiasm for our sports day next week. We hope that the weather continues to be in our favour for the day. With all the physical activity the children are involved in appetites will be increasing, especially for our older students. They may need a little more food in their lunch boxes each day.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is being prepared to open around Show Weekend. Keys will be on sale for the community and we encourage you to purchase one. Keep a look out for the notice that will contain all the relevant information.

As a country surrounded by sea and with access to many rivers it is very important that our children learn to swim and be safe in the water. Lessons at school go some way to helping children learn to swim, but like other things, swimming skills get better with lots of practice. Extra time in the water outside of school hours will certainly help your child become more confident and competent. Swimming is also a great competitive sport as well as a way to keep fit which will suit many children. We may have a future Olympian swimmer somewhere in our school just waiting to show their talents. Information about key hire will be available once the pool is ready.

Jump Jam Nationals

The time has finally arrived for our two teams to be competing in Auckland this weekend. The children and teachers have shown huge commitment in getting ready for this exciting opportunity.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising for this trip, especially our PTA who helped with the costs of the costumes.



We wish the teams the very best of luck and know they will represent us well. It will be a very long day with them leaving early in the morning and returning home late. These are the kinds of experiences they will remember long after they have left Belfast School. We will wait to hear their results and will publish them on our Facebook page as soon as we know.

Road Safety

We have a wonderful group of students and parents who do road patrol duty each week ensuring that everyone can cross Main North Road safely on their way to and from school. Our students demonstrate good safety awareness when the crossing is patrolled. From time to time we do get reports of children crossing the road without using the safe pedestrian area outside of school hours. Reminding children regularly about being responsible for their own safety on the roads is helpful.

The new bypass will be opening in November so we are looking forward to seeing a reduction in the traffic passing the school. By the time both arterial routes are open Main North Road will be much quieter and easier for everyone to navigate.

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated by over 100 countries around the world this Friday. UNESCO introduced the day in 1994 for teachers as a way of showing appreciation for the work and contributions that teachers make to society. My thanks goes to the team at Belfast School for all the work they do and their willingness to go the extra mile for our children. Nelson Mandela said "*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world*". Every day our staff, and our colleagues in every school, are working hard to give our children the skills and knowledge needed to ensure success in the future. That success will help them create a stronger and better future for everyone.



Belfast School

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School's Facebook Page

To access the school's Facebook page, search for Belfast School. This photo shows you our official page banner. You will be able to see what activities our children are doing at school; celebrating the successes of our children; and upcoming events.

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Sue Elley
Principal – Tumuaki

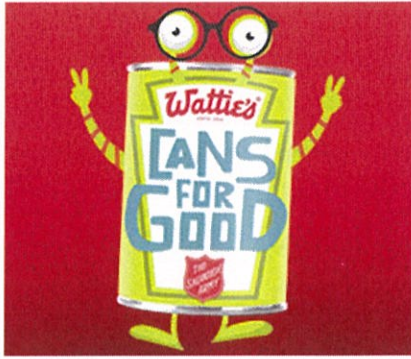
Reminder - School Uniform Sunhats:

Summer uniform is to be worn this term. All children are to wear a navy blue or cobalt blue sunhat when they are outside at school each day.



Children turning 5!

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and June 2018** who will be attending Belfast School, can you please enrol your child. This will enable us to start the process of working out how many New Entrant classes we will need for 2018. Please phone Sally on 323-8849 for further enrolment information or to make an appointment to meet with the Principal - Sue Elley.



Mufti Day supporting "Watties Cans for Good"

On Thursday, 2 November we are holding a schoolwide mufti day. Instead of bringing a gold coin we are asking each student to bring a canned item and give to their classroom teacher. All cans donated will be given to the Salvation Army. The Prefects will be creating art with the cans so look out for their designs on our Facebook page.

Results from the recent Jump Jam Raffle

Congratulations to R. Dick ticket no. 238 and H. O'Neill ticket no. 253.
Thank you to everyone for their support.

Junior Neighbourhood Support

Libby Crawford in R16 received an award from Elissa Smith, our Junior Neighbourhood Support co-ordinator for her honesty when she found a wallet on the bus and handed it in to her teacher. Well done Libby, you are using our Care value by thinking about a person and what it might mean for them to receive their belongings back.





Belfast Stars Honour Roll - 25 September 2017

Room 1	Owen Bao
Room 2	Ava Pounsford
Room 3	Sajjad Alizada
Room 4	Poseidon Haig-Mataira-Kaiwai
Room 5	Sydney Valentine
Room 6	Devi Dextar
Room 7	Te Maia Manawatu
Room 8	Grace Mei
Room 9	Avryl Dai
Room 10	Erika Yu
Room 11	Ashly Dai
Room 12	Olivia Johnston
Room 13	Daniel Ellen
Room 14	Lewis Brown
Room 15	Benjamin Rowe
Room 16	Libby Crawford
Room 17	Ariana Suisala
Room 18	Leo Bons
Room 21	Logan Forsyth
Room 22	Flynn Allison
Room 23	Kate Botha





Welcome back to Term 4

We hope everybody had a great holiday and kept safe. We are all refreshed and ready for a great new term of learning.

New students at Belfast

This term we welcomed some new students into our school and we interviewed some of them and here is what they said:

How do you like being at Belfast School so far?

Rm 15 Georgia : it's good because a lot of the girls and boys are really nice

Rm 8 Natalie : yes it is very fun

Rm 8 Ayla : the playground and the sandpit

Rm 8 Cooper : good

Have you had a good time ?

Rm 15 Georgia : I have really enjoyed my time so far.

Rm 8 Natalie: I like the playground and my teacher

Rm 8 Ayla : I am learning my alphabet and numbers

Rm 8 Charlie: I like going on the green slide

Have you made some new friends ?

Rm 15 Georgia : Yes they made me feel welcome and happy

Rm 8 Natalie : Yes



Years 5-8 Athletics Day

We are all looking forward to Athletics day on Tuesday, 31st of October, starting at 9.45 a.m.

This will be a great day of sports for children in Years 5-8, including sprints, long distance running, shot put, high jump, relays and even more to look forward to.



Postponement date is Wednesday, 1st of November.

Jump Jam

The year 7/8 Jump Jam team and the year 3/4 Jump Jam team are off to Auckland for the Jump Jam Nationals on Saturday, 28th of October.

To get this far they had to submit a video of them doing their routine to Brett Fairweather, the man behind Jump Jam.



He judged the videos from all around New Zealand and chose the top teams in each category to go to Nationals. This was a **HUGE** achievement for both teams.

Since being accepted into Nationals, the teams have been working very hard to perfect their routines. We wish them lots of luck as they head off to the Nationals Competition.



REPORTERS: Harper Connolly, Sophie Pratt, and Ashleigh Oliver



UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4:

- **CHILDRENS ARTWORK CALENDARS** - Back by popular demand. Order forms due out on Monday, 30 October. Artwork can be viewed in the Office from this date. A quality stocking filler for your family this Christmas.
- **PTA MEETING** – Wednesday, 1 November - School staffroom at 7pm.
- **HALLOWEEN DISCO** – Friday, 3 November. Notice out on Thursday, 26 October with full details.
- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** – Thursday, 9 November.
- **SUBWAY FOR LUNCH** – Thursday, 23 November.
- **PTA MEETING** – Wednesday, 29 November - School staffroom 7pm.



We need you!

As a lot of our current PTA members' children will be starting High School in the next few years, we are in need of some fresh new faces. We would love to have you come along to our next PTA meeting as new faces bring in new ideas. There is no pressure to join, however a different voice at our meetings would be beneficial to our school community. It is vitally important that parents remain involved with the PTA and to continue the great work that the PTA does on behalf of the school. We hope to see you soon.

FACEBOOK:

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





Community Notices

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!

Diva Rhythmic Gymnastics:

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a combination of ballet, dance and gymnastics that uses handheld apparatus like the ribbon, hoop, clubs and ball.

It is great for confidence, strength and flexibility. We emphasis fun and fitness it is fantastic for developing co_ordination. We have classes for girls ages 4 and above for recreational and competitive classes.

We run classes for Nationals levels 1-10, group pre-international, junior and senior international grades where gymnasts can compete for club, Canterbury and New Zealand teams. There is a high level of coaching available to all, I am the head coach and teach all levels from recreational through to world cup rep senior international.

So, if you are looking for fun, friends and fitness or a shot at top level gymnastics Diva RG is the place to attend.

We are based at The NZ Institute of Sport building in the main gymnasium at 66b Wharenui Road, Riccarton. Please contact Bianca for more information at divargc@gmail.com or call/text 027 521 7220.

We currently have spaces in recreational, pre-comp classes, group and competition grades, both national and international.

Belfast Junior Touch:

We are short of girls to play in teams for Y3-4, Y5-6, and Y7-8.

We play Tuesday nights at Belfast - Sheldon Park 6.15 or 6.45 p.m. are the times. Touch is a very inexpensive sport with fees being \$20.00 approximately for the season. We are also very lucky to have Rotary sponsor our t-shirts.

For further information email: belfastjuniortouch@outlook.com



Community Notices

SurfKids Surfing Programme 2017:

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years.

Sundays 10am to 12pm. Dec / Jan Holidays : from 18th Dec, 10am -12pm

Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential.

Venue : Sumner.

Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at www.surfcoach.co.nz



Dance With Aimee:

Classes in Redwood for Ballet from 3 years of age, Jazz from 4-1/2, and Contemporary from 10 years. Enrol Now for 2018. New preschool classes on Monday and Thursday 1.30-2pm. New Contemporary classes for beginners and experienced dancers. Exciting new Performance class for over 10 years!! Please contact Aimee on aimee@dancewithaimee.nz or 021434450





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Kids Fun Golf Event:

Sunday 29 October, especially designed for kids that are newer to golf and are keen to play a fun event on the golf course. The event is being held at Templeton Golf Club starting at 1pm, the kids will play 9 holes which will be shortened with larger holes, so will be heaps of fun for the kids. Contact Rachel for further information and to enter rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz

Kids Fun Golf Event

Sunday 29 October - 1pm Start

Shortened 9 Hole Course

Templeton Golf Club
Pound Road

Event Categories

8 years and under

9-11 years

11-14 years

No handicap required.

Parents are encouraged
to caddy for their son or
daughter.



Register

Contact Rachel on 359 4000 or
rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz to register.

\$10 registrations close 25 October





Community Notices

Clicking Kids Photography:



New Zealand's premiere photography programme for gifted & talented children

Term 4 Bookings now available!

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NCEA prep, student exhibitions, professional portfolio & competitions

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