



Belfast School Newsletter

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Dates of Interest:

Athletics Zones at Rawhiti
Domain on Thurs. 09/11

JNR trip to Willowbank on
Fri. 10/11

Assembly for the whole
school on Mon. 13/11 at
2.00 in the Hall

LMS Athletics on Tues.
14/11 at 11.00 (pp 15/11)

Y7 Leadership Day at
Spencer Park on Wed.
15/11

Mufti Day - Gold coin
donation for the Playcentre
on Thurs. 16/11

School closed on Fri. 17/11
for Show Day

Welcome to our new Pupil:

Capri Hunter



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Hello everyone.

Achieving at a high level

Since our last newsletter our two Jump Jam teams have competed and returned from the national competition in Auckland. Both teams performed exceptionally well and received awards. The senior team was placed third in their category and also awarded Excellence in sportsmanship technical execution, creativity and costume, and Merit for presentation. The junior team received Merit awards for presentation, technical execution and creativity. They were placed 5th in their competition. Many thanks to our teachers Jess McCoy, Cathie Hurdle and Anna Truesdale for their commitment to training and supporting the team. Both teacher and children have demonstrated all our values of **Care, Share Learn and Grow**.

The commitment to training for events like this show that our young people understand that to achieve well requires effort and practise. Talent and interest in a sport, hobby or academic subject can bring about a certain level of success however to achieve at the highest levels it comes down to how much time and repeated practise people are prepared to undertake. Successful sports teams demonstrate this however we don't often think about how the same level of commitment will improve academic learning. Imagine what could be achieved if as much practise went into reading, writing and maths as goes into learning to ride a bike, doing tricks on a scooter or skateboard or learning dance moves? On my website **Philosophy The Art of Thinking** you can find out more about Growth Mindsets and the things each of us can do to learn more and achieve higher. There is a huge amount of scientific research into Growth Mindsets and how helping our young people to understand this enables them to achieve well. You can access the website through our Facebook page as well.

Main North Road

We are already noticing that the amount of traffic outside school has reduced with the opening of one lane of the new bypass which is hugely positive. As each new section opens we will be watching to see the impact and appreciating the increasing safety of our students. This week a new group of students undertook their road patrol training with Constable Debbie in preparation for 2018. Children who take on the role and responsibility of road patrol are showing our values of **Care and Share** providing a service for their school mates which is greatly valued. Standing outside in the sunshine is easy but when the weather is colder it takes real commitment to fulfill their roles.



Te Ara Tūhuru - our School Cluster

Belfast School is part of a cluster of schools who are working together on shared initiatives to improve teaching and learning. Clusters or Communities of Schools are part of the Ministry of Education's strategy to create greater collaboration between educators at different levels of schooling.

In the **Te Ara Tūhuru** Cluster we are working with other full primary schools, Early Childhood Centres and a high school. This year our shared focus has been on increasing the wellbeing of our students. Our *Play, Eat, Learn* timetable is part of this initiative and we will continue with this in 2018.

A new initiative the Cluster is exploring is becoming part of the Manaiakilani Outreach programme. Manaiakilani Outreach focuses on digital citizenship and enhancing student achievement. There is very clear evidence that students in Manaiakilani Schools make one and a half years growth in reading and maths in a year, and two years growth in writing in one year. At this stage the cluster is in negotiation with the Manaiakilani team around the details. This link [Maniakilani Blogspot](#) will give you more information about this award winning initiative. We will keep you informed about progress about this.

We are working on staffing for 2018 and hope to be able to share this with you before the end of the term. Unfortunately we have received the resignation of Steve Ayers from teaching at Belfast School. We wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.



With the end of year approaching it would be appreciated if you could pay your account promptly. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Donna, Bursar on 323-8849.

The term is sailing on quickly and staff are very busy with end of year preparations including writing reports, organising the senior graduation and planning for 2018. The PTA ran the discos last Friday which was very well attended. The children have completed their artwork for the PTA calendar fundraiser, order forms were sent out last week. Athletics day for the seniors last week was held in perfect conditions and we have a group of students who will be competing in the Zone Sports this week. There is never a dull moment!



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Sheldon Pool

The City Council have cleaned the pool and were filling it yesterday in preparation for the summer season.

We hope to have keys on sale shortly, so keep a look out for this notice.



Anytime you have something to discuss please make an appointment with Sally on 323-8849. I am happy to meet with you.

Ngā mihi nui

Sue Elley

Principal - Tumuaki

ADVANCE NOTICE - Mufti Day : Thursday, 16 November: As you will all be aware, the Play Centre beside the school recently had a fire which destroyed the inside of their building. The building now needs to be demolished prior to being re-built. Unfortunately the children's work and toys were also destroyed and as a school we would like to support them. We will be holding a Mufti Day on Thursday, 16 November and ask that children donate a gold coin.

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.



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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Junior Neighbourhood Support Awards:



Kaleb O'Callahan:

Kaleb's quick thinking but calm response when his Grandfather collapsed. He went to get help while his Grandma called 111, he got blankets and directed the ambulance into the school grounds.

Brodie Lidgett and Logan Jessup:

For their honesty when they found a watch on the school field after school and took it to the school Office.





Belfast Stars Assembly - 23 October 2017

Room 1	Zahra Masumi
Room 2	Finn Johnson
Room 3	Azhley Bernardino
Room 4	Amelia Brittan
Room 5	Monique Frost
Room 6	Braden Anderson
Room 7	Luca Hodgkinson
Room 8	Taylor Belsham
Room 9	Troy Knox
Room 10	Noah Brown
Room 11	Caitlin Humphries
Room 12	Alex Zhou
Room 13	Ben Ha
Room 14	Jeremiah Pratt
Room 15	Cameron Wooldridge
Room 16	Jordan Brown
Room 17	Isaiah Wineti
Room 18	Lochy Lange
Room 21	Hayden Middlemiss
Room 22	Jack Hatherley
Room 23	Emily Shivas





Athletics Day

The Year 5-8 Athletics day turned out great. The weather was hot and everyone had a really enjoyable day. Well done to everyone that participated and to those who were placed.



Congratulations to the people who made it through to Zones, which have been postponed to Thursday, 9 November. Everybody gave it their all and participated really well.

The day finished with a highly competitive race between the Prefects and Teachers/Parents, as well as between the House Colour teams. Congratulations to the Teachers and Parents on their win, and to Yellow House for their victory.

Cans for Good!

Last week on Thursday the whole school had a mufti day to support the Salvation Army's cans for good, partnered with Wattie's and schools in New Zealand. This was to help fill the food banks to feed the homeless. During the morning the Prefects went round the classes and collected all of the cans, they then built a sculpture of a chair and table.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated the cans, we received the awesome amount of **517**! The Salvation Army were absolutely delighted to receive so many cans of food and are very appreciative of our children's efforts. They have been helping quite a few families with food packs and their stocks were very low.



Year 8 Dancing

This term the Year 8's have been very busy practising their dancing in preparation for graduation at the end of the term.

REPORTERS: Harper Connolly, Sophie Pratt, and Ashleigh Oliver



TERM 4 EVENTS

- **CHILDRENS ARTWORK CALENDARS:**

The children's artwork can be viewed in the Office. These calendars are a quality stocking filler for your family this Christmas. Orders to be handed into the Office by 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 10 November. The children's art is amazing!



- **SUBWAY LUNCH:** Thursday, 23 November. Order forms will be sent home on Wed. 15/11.
- **PTA MEETING:** Wednesday, 29 November - School Staffroom 7.00 p.m. All Parents/Caregivers are most welcome.

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

Harcourts Vision Canterbury Kings Fan Day:



Calling all future Cricketer's,

At Canterbury Cricket we are excited to announce that on **12th November 2017 from 11-1pm** we will be holding a Canterbury Kings Fan Day at Hagley Oval. This day will go forward regardless of the weather. If it is wet we will use the horticultural hall.

All our Canterbury Kings + Canterbury Magician players will be there getting involved with you, our fans in cricket. There will be various games, as well as a signing and photo session. There will be a free BBQ and drinks available for the kids, with a coffee cart and food vendors to satisfy the parents. This day will also provide the unique chance to go behind the scenes and have a look in the changing rooms and Hagley Oval Pavilion.

All you have to do to get involved in this cricket frenzy is fill out the brief registration form on the link below:

<http://www.canterburykings.co.nz/fanday/>

If you fill out this form you will automatically win a free family pass (2 adult and 3 children) to one of the first three Canterbury Kings games of your choice at our Castle Hagley Oval.

So what are you waiting for, sign up to be part of this cricket spectacle and help the Kings defend the castle.

We look forward to seeing you.

ASB Information for Parents/Caregivers:

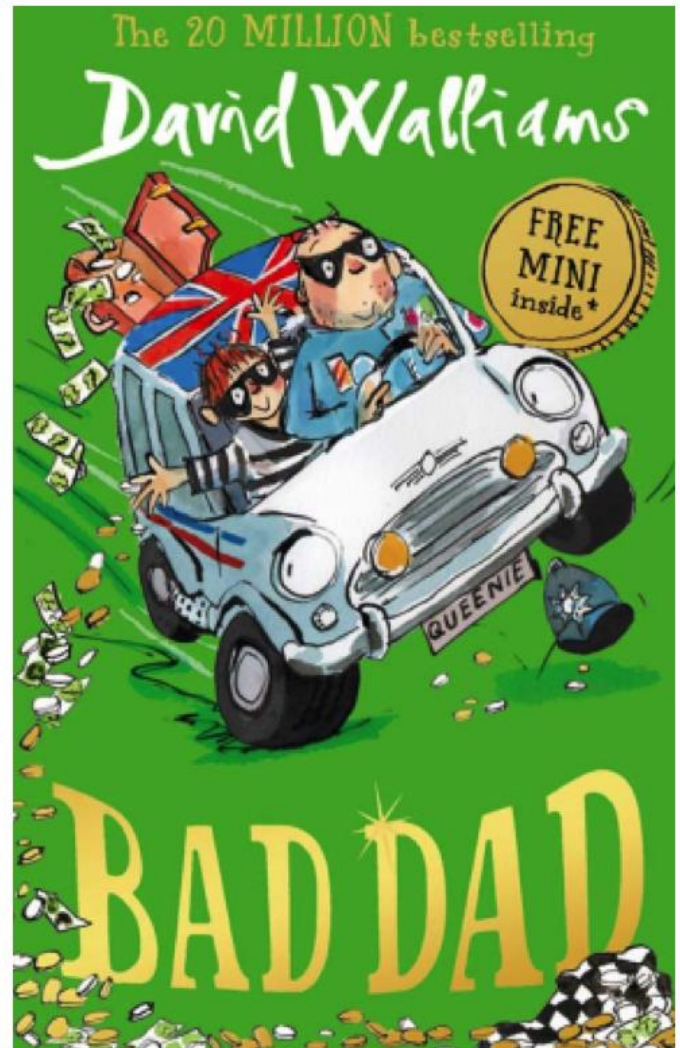


Bring your ASB School Banking envelope to school. Any spare coins will do. If you save \$1.00 each week in Term 3, you will have \$10.00 for the school holidays!



Community Notices

David Walliams returns to Christchurch!



It is with great excitement that we announce global bestselling children's author **David Walliams** is coming to Christchurch this December with his dazzling new novel, *Bad Dad* (publishing 6 November)!

Join us as we welcome David Walliams **LIVE** and in conversation at Christchurch Boys' High School on **10 December**. You can expect lots of laughter and fun, as well as an exclusive extract of *Bad Dad*, read by the wonderful Walliams himself!

In 2015, our David Walliams event sold out in 24 hours! Don't delay, book today! AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

Sunday 10 December
Christchurch Boys' High School
5.30pm Event starts
6.30pm Book signing
Tickets and more information
www.wordchristchurch.co.nz



Community Notices

Sport Canterbury Active Kids January 2018 Holiday Programme Information:



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 13th 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

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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

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





Community Notices



\$5 OR LESS

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Pre Loved Clothing fundraiser

POP UP WARDROBE

Sunday 10th December

10.00am till 3.00pm

Aspire, 314 Worcester Street Christchurch

- Women / Men's clothing
- Children's Clothing
- Children's Toys
- Sausage Sizzle
- Bouncy castle / lucky Dip

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Drop in clean / washed
Clothing Donations to
Aspire.

Contact: Gemma Foulds
3778010 (Ring prior)