



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 22 November 2017

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Sue Elley
Board of Trustees
Chairperson:
Sue Fergusson

Dates of Interest:

Assembly on Mon. 27/11 at
2.00 in the Hall

UMS trip to Jellie Park on
Wed. 29/11

PTA mtg on Wed. 29/11 at
7.00

House Colour afternoon on
Fri. 1/12

Celebration Assembly on
Mon. 4/12 at 2.00

Rotary Speeches at Belfast
Rugby Clubrooms on Tues.
5/12 at 7.00

Centrals Athletics at
Ashburton on Wed. 6/12

Year 8 Graduation Dinner
on Thurs. 7/12 at 6.00

Welcome to our new Pupil:

Boston Golding



Dear Parents/Caregivers

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

Staffing 2018:

We are very happy to announce our new staff member Scott Kyle. Scott has provided this bio of himself.

- I have over 15 years' experience as a teacher and up until the closure of Aranui High school, I was a Physical Education teacher, the Head of Health and the Head of Where (which was one of the school's four vertical Deans).
- I am currently Studying Graduates Certificates in Primary Mathematics and Science.
- I am married with two children, my wife is a mathematics teacher at Avonside Girls and my two children go to Banks Avenue School.
- I have played and coached hockey to an elite level and had many successes as a volleyball coach.
- I am looking forward to meeting the staff and students at Belfast School and starting an exciting new chapter in my life.



End of Year Dates for your Calendar:

The **final day** for the school year for the **Year 1-7 children** will be **Thursday, 14 December**. For the **Year 1-4 children** their finish is at 3.00 p.m.; for the **Year 5-7 children** it is after their Prizegiving Assembly at 7.00 p.m. that night. Attendance at this Assembly is compulsory. For the **Year 8 children** their last day is the morning of Friday, 15 December where they get to help the Teachers to move classrooms, and spend some special time together before heading to High School next year

A huge thank you to everyone:

Wow, we had a fabulous response to our mufti day held last Friday. The children raised \$732.00 for the Belfast Playcentre. They are going to use this money to purchase resources and toys for their children. Thank you to everyone for supporting our community.

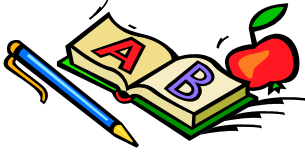


Donations:

This week we received a very generous donation of \$1,000 from The Papanui Club which will be put to good use in purchasing books for the Library. We are very fortunate to be chosen for this donation.



Stationery Packs for 2018:



Earlier this week a notice and stationery list for 2018 was sent home with children in Rooms 5/6/7 and 9-23. Children in Rooms 1/2/3/8 will receive their information early next week. Packs are to be ordered from the school Office by Wednesday, 13 December.

Children turning 5 years of age!

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and December 2018** and who will be attending Belfast School, please enroll your child. We need to know how many 5 year olds are starting next year so we can complete the organisation of our New Entrant classes. Please phone Sally on 323 8849 for further enrolment information or to make an appointment to meet with the Principal - Sue Elley.

Enrolment of Siblings:

Please note that if you have moved during the year and have a child still to start school, you may now be living out of the school's enrolment Zone. If this is the case you will need to complete an Out of Zone Enrolment form. If you require further information please contact Sally on 323 8849.



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.

"Swipe Keys" for Sheldon Park Pool available now:

'Swipe keys' can be purchased from the school Office - Monday to Friday during the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. until Wednesday, 13 December. A rental agreement and pool rules are to be read and signed at the time of purchase. You will be able to access the pool after school, at the weekends and during the Christmas school holidays. The pool opened today!



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

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.





Our children have been experiencing and learning a varied range of things this past week:

Room 18 - Antarctica Bound!

On Monday, 20 November Room 18 left for their Antarctica learning journey. This was a fantastic start to their trip!





Lower Middle Syndicate News

On Tuesday, 21 November Rooms 10 and 12 visited the Ferrymead Historic Park. They learnt a lot about life in the past and got to spend time in a classroom with Miss Black as the teacher; looked at old clothes; went into a General Store; watched a movie and cartoon, and baked cookies in the bakery. They also had a tram ride and looked at the old fire engines.

The highlight for most children was being in the classroom with Miss Black. They thought she was very strict and got a big fright when she banged her cane on the desk! The children liked dipping their pens into the ink wells and writing their times tables on the slates.

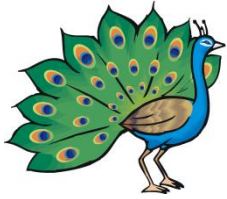




Belfast Stars Assembly - 13 November 2017

Room 1	Beatrice Cole
Room 2	Xavier Cooper
Room 3	Miriama Pahi
Room 4	Leo Chai
Room 5	Ruby Anderson
Room 6	Stirling Lumb
Room 7	Joshua Hurford
Room 8	Nate Milne
Room 9	Savarnah Hewson
Room 10	Isabella Eder
Room 11	Joe Dadson
Room 12	Thayne McLean
Room 13	Kobi Southon
Room 14	Hannah Pateman
Room 15	Stella Bishop
Room 16	Madison Sharland
Room 17	Brooklyn Henry
Room 18	Nevaeh Johnson
Room 21	Brooke Bray
Room 22	Stacey Stewart
Room 23	Emily Shivas





Willowbank



Last week on Friday the Juniors went to Willowbank, they had a great time and learned about lots of different animals.

Here are what some children said about the trip:

Emily: My favourite animal was a donkey I really liked feeding the animals!
Declan: I loved the peacocks and I loved seeing the baby ducks.

North Zone

Athletics Competition

On Thursday the 9th of November a large group of children from the Upper Middle Syndicate and Seniors went to Rawhiti Domain to compete in the North Zones athletics competition. Everyone did an amazing job. Huge congratulations to all the people that achieved a placing and are going to Centrals.



Congratulations to:

Hannah Pateman and Ashleigh Peters in Room 14 who represented Canterbury in the under 12 girls development touch team.

They played 7 games during Show weekend in Nelson and placed 3rd at the tournament after winning a drop off.

They now have the South Island IPS in 3 weeks at Burnside Park.

Awesome work Hannah and Ashleigh. Good luck for your next challenge!

REPORTERS: Harper Connolly, Sophie Pratt, and Ashleigh Oliver



TERM 4 EVENTS

- **CHILDRENS ARTWORK CALENDARS:** Thank you to everyone who purchased calendars this term. Most of the calendars have been created and delivered to your child's class. The children's art is amazing!
- **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

Pool Party for Year 7/8 Children:

POOL PARTY

Hydroslides, Bomb Competition,
Water Toys and Great Sounds!

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
7PM – 8.30PM

Admission \$3.00

Jellie Park outdoor pool area only.
Entry at side gate. Rain date Sat 9th.

Intermediate and high school students only
ID required

Please wear appropriate swim wear
(no Denim shorts) Rights of admission to
the Venue are reserved and subject to any
terms and conditions of the Event
Co-ordinator and Venue.

Supported by Papanui-Innes and Fendallton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Boards.
For more information contact 9418999 or Facebook www.facebook.com/PapanuiYouthDevelopmentTrust



ASB Information for Parents/Caregivers:

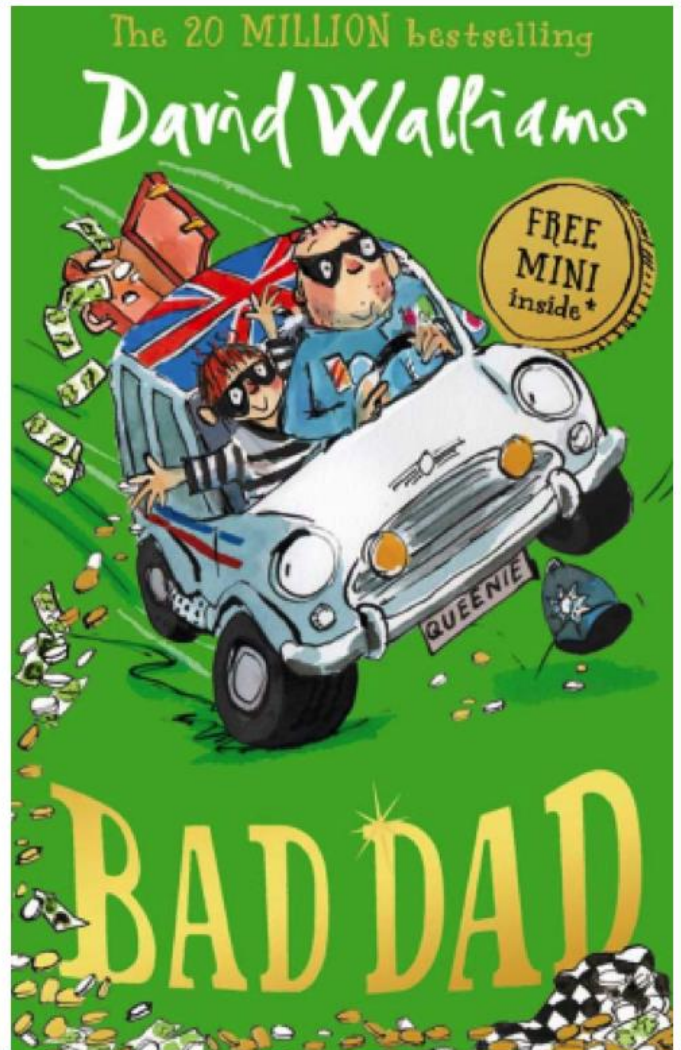


Bring your ASB School Banking envelope to school. Any spare coins will do. If you save \$1.00 each week in Term 3, you will have \$10.00 for the school holidays!



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

Junior Rugby Camp at Sheldon Park – December 18/19/20:



JUNIOR RUGBY CAMP

December 18,19,20
@ Sheldon Park, Belfast

- ☐ All 6 - 14 year olds welcome, including children without previous rugby experience
- ☐ \$35/day (snacks included)
- ☐ 9:00am - 4:00pm
- ☐ Enroll @ www.belfastrugby.co.nz
- ☐ Enquiries to belfastrugby@gmail.com or belfast.rfc@xtra.co.nz



The Camp is open to all children aged between 6 and 14 years, regardless of their rugby experience or capabilities. It is a great opportunity for the children to make new friends, learn and practice some new skills and have fun in a controlled and fully supervised environment.

Senior rugby players and Coaches and University students will deliver the sessions and look after the children on all three days, and snacks and drinks are included in the price of \$35.00 per day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Damian Steele or Glenda Spillane at - belfast.rfc@xtra.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



Community Notices

Belfast Community Network – Community Christmas Breakfast:



BELFAST COMMUNITY NETWORK PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Christmas Day, 8am - 9:30am
Belfast Community Network Centre, Sheldon Park

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Community Notices

Wise-Up Groups - Term 1, 2018:

WISE-UP has recently been redeveloped to best meet the needs of children with low to mid-level anxiety or who need to manage difficult emotions. WISE-UP is a 10 session life skills programme for 8 –10 year olds. It supports children to recognise feelings and emotions, and explore new and different ways of dealing with these. Children also learn about themselves, what makes them special as well as building confidence while focusing on personal strengths. Workshops will also be offered to support and inform caregivers of the children attending the programme.

WISE-UP is a children's life skills group programme to: > Build confidence > Cope with worries > Build self-esteem > Develop social skills > Manage emotions > Keep safe Runs EVERY TERM within the greater Christchurch area from 3.45pm – 4.45pm, afternoon tea will be provided from 3.15pm – 3.45pm.

Cost: We ask for a small contribution. Please discuss this with our Wise-Up coordinator. Programme aims: > Build children's SELF-ESTEEM and CONFIDENCE > Help children to see their strengths and find what makes them HAPPY > Assist children in discovering more about themselves and the importance of being unique > Provide children with strategies to cope when they are FEELING ANXIOUS and worried > Equip children with new tools to MANAGE HARD EMOTIONS such as stress, frustration and anger > Help children identify their own and other people's emotions.

WISE-UP COMMUNITY GROUP NEW LOOK Participants need to be: > Aged between 8 –10 years old > Able to self-manage in a group environment* > Have parents that are willing to be involved in the Parent Workshops > Have low - mid level of anxiety or need to manage difficult emotions. *Please note that WISE-UP doesn't meet the long term needs of children with ADHD or children with challenging behavioral issues.

KEY CHANGES TO WISE-UP: > Programme will run for 8 weeks and have an additional 2 follow up sessions the next term > The key facilitator will do home visits with caregivers of all children participating in the programme > There will be two parent workshops for caregivers throughout the programme > Caregivers are invited to week 8 of the children's programme to celebrate the presentation of certificates. Our facilitators come from a variety of backgrounds including social work, psychology and teaching. All our facilitators have prior experience of working with children aged 8–10 and are accountable through professional supervision.

For information and enrolment please contact: Tineke Tuiletufuga, Christchurch Methodist Mission Ph: 03 389 6232, Mb: 027 818 7117 www.mmsi.org.nz
www.facebook.com/WiseUpCHCH



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)