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| Belfast shield without surround | **Belfast School Newsletter**  **care I share I learn I grow** |
|  | End of Year Newsletter - Monday, 11 December 2017 |
| Absences:  [**absences@belfast.school.nz**](mailto:absences@belfast.school.nz)  **or text 027 6364254**  **Contact Details:**  **P: (03) 323 8849**  **E: office@belfast.school.nz**  **700 Main North Road**  **Belfast**  **Christchurch 8051**  **Principal:**  Sue Elley  **Board of Trustees Chairperson:**  Sue Fergusson  **Dates of Interest:**  **Last day for children in Years 1-7 Thurs. 14/12**  **Prize-giving Assemblies on Thurs. 14/12:**  **NE (R1/2/3/8) 9.30**  **JNR (R4-7) 11.00**  **LMS (R9-13) 1.45**  **UMS/SNR (14-23) 7.00**  **2018:**  **Mon. 5/02 Term 1 commences**  **Tues. 06/02 Waitangi Day (school closed)** | **Merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone!**Dear Parents/Caregivers C:\Users\Staff\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\MVS87N6S\lgi01a201411300400[1].jpg  **Kia ora koutou. Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Warm greetings to you all.**  What a fabulous week of weather we have experienced and although the heat can be a bit of a challenge it is better than being stuck inside because it is cold and wet. The swimming pool has been worth its weight in gold this week giving our children an opportunity to cool off. If you haven’t yet purchased a pool key, and you intend to, make sure you call into the office to see Donna. It looks like it is going to be a hot summer so having your own pool key will enable you to come down to the pool for a daily swim.  **Preparations for 2018**  Schools are busy places at the end of the year because there are two main focus areas; wrapping up the year with teachers writing school reports, involvement in all the end of year activities and planning for the next year. This involves placing children in classes and assigning teachers which is a complex task along with planning for staff and students’ learning programmes for the new year.  At the beginning of 2018 the staff will be involved in four days of training prior to the students beginning. There will be three main focus areas for the year. Our **Storytelling** initiative has contributed to great gains in student achievement in Writing. We will continue to develop this to extend learning opportunities for students. Staff will be able to attend a mini conference on Storytelling during the holidays at the end of the third term.  **PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning)** - [**PB4L Website**](http://pb4l.tki.org.nz/) - was a new initiative this year and is funded by Ministry of Education. We will continue with this next year. As part of PB4L all staff including teacher aides will be trained in Restorative Practice. The external trainers, Greg Jansen and Richard Matla, from [**Restorative Schools**](http://www.restorativeschools.org.nz/about-us) are in high demand and we have been lucky enough to book them for training on 2 February. Greg and Rich are so popular they would not have been available again until much later in the year.  The Ministry of Education is providing training for all staff in New Zealand schools in response to increased demands in managing behaviour - Understanding Behaviour, Responding Safely (UBRS). This training is also conducted by external experts. To fit this into our |

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beginning year schedule we have opted to undertake this training on Monday, 5 February 2018 at 1:30 – 7:00pm. The Board of Trustees has given approval for the school to close at 1:00pm on Monday, 5 February to enable this training to occur. As the OSCAR programme will not be operating on that day we will be able to provide supervision for any children who need to stay at school until 3:00pm.

In 2018 we will beginning a new initiative as part of the **Manaiakilani Outreach Programme**. Belfast School is part of the Te Ara Tūhuru Cluster which includes Parkview, Queenspark, Marshlands, South New Brighton, New Brighton Catholic, St Francis of Assisi and Mairehau High School. As a group of schools we are excited to join the Manaiakilani Community which has been successfully increasing student achievement in Auckland since 2007 and has outreach programmes in Christchurch (Hornby Schools) and the West Coast.

The Manaiakilani approach is based on concepts of ***Learn, Create, Share.*** These concepts fit well with our school’s values *Care, Share, Learn, Grow.* Learning programmes will be designed around children creating work to share with their peers, families and whānau mainly through blogging. There is significant research to support the Outreach approach. We already have BYOD policy for students in Years 5-8 and over the next two years we will be working towards all students having their own device. Chromebooks will be the preferred device for students in these years. The Outreach programme negotiates directly with manufacturers to bring down the costs of these computers. We will give you more information about devices as we move towards becoming a 1-1 school.

**Year 8 Graduation**

Last week the Year 8 students and their whānau enjoyed a very special celebration marking the end of their time at Belfast School. Many students began as New Entrants so leaving at the end of Year 8 is a very important milestone for them. We had a wonderful family evening that we hope will have created great memories for our students. The evening is made possible by a very hard working and dedicated team from the PTA who do the catering along with many staff who help prepare different parts of the evening’s activities. We are very grateful for all the work that went into making this a success.

**School Speech Competition:** Held on Tuesday, 21 November and our finalists were amazing. We were so proud of you all. Thank you to the teachers for the great job you did.

**Year 5:** 1st Hayden Downes; 2nd Hamish Inwood

**Year 6:** 1st Jordyn White; 2nd Lewis Brown

**Year 7:** 1st Alex Newman; 2nd Luke Burling

**Year 8:** 1st Summer Fail; 2nd Olivia Hobbs

**Rotary Speech Competition:** Held on Tuesday, 5 December. Huge congratulations to Alex Newman (Year 7) who came 2nd, a wonderful achievement against such tough competition.

**Canterbury Central Zone Athletics:** This was held in the Ashburton Domain on Wednesday, 6 December. 24 of our pupils participated with distinction, many making finals in their events. Congratulations to: **Gabriel Holland** 1st 10yo Boys Shot Put; **Terongomaianiwaniwa Williams** 1st 10yo Girls Shot Put; **Karereatua Williams** 2nd 12yo Girls Shot Put; **Seth Smith** 2nd 12 yo Boys 100 Metres and 3rd in 12yo Boys Long Jump; and **McKenzie Bailey-McDowell** 3rd place 11yo Girls Shot Put.

**Farewells:**

We have several staff members ending their time at Belfast School. Both **Mrs Cathie Hurdle** and **Mrs Becks Teague** have resigned to spend time with their families. **Mr Steve Ayers** has resigned and is starting a new business venture. **Mrs Gay Johnston**, **Mrs Stephanie** **Strydom** and **Mrs Karen Watts** are all finishing at the end of this term. We wish everyone all the very best

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and thank them for all their hard work in working with and supporting our children. Your efforts have been very much appreciated.

**Prize-giving Assemblies in the Hall on Thursday, 14 December:**

* **NE** (R1/2/3/8) at 9.30 a.m. **(Note change of time)**
* **JNR** (R4/5/6/7) at 11.00 a.m.
* **LMS** (R9-13) at 1.45 p.m.
* **UMS** and **SNR** (R14-23) at 7.00 p.m.

**End of Year Dates:**

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. Please note school uniform must be worn. Please also note that there is limited seating in the hall.

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.

**End of Year Reports (for Y4-8 children) and 2018 Class Placement letters** will be coming home with your child on Tuesday, 12 December. We are very pleased with the students’ academic results this year. Please look for this information in your child’s school bag.

**For Children in Years 1-3: 2018 Class Placement letters** will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, 12 December.

Children will have the opportunity to meet their new Teacher for 2018 on Tuesday, 12 December when we have a transition afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

**Congratulations to our teachers who have completed their Teacher Registration and are now Fully Registered:** Kellie Spence, Anna Truesdale, Emily McCombie and Brittany Baxter.

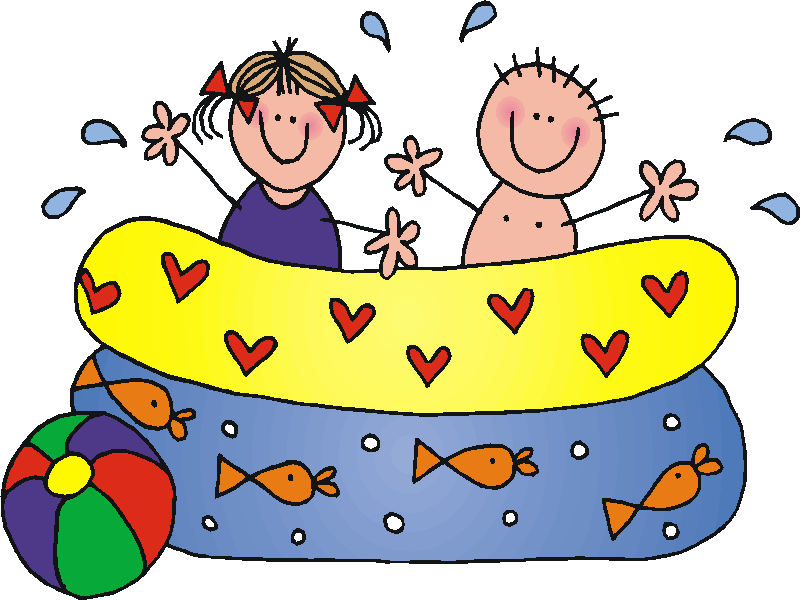


**Stationery Packs for 2018:**

**MC900290705[1]**Please note that all orders (including payment) must be into the school Office by 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 December. **Remember to collect your child’s stationery pack** from the Hall on **Thursday, 1 February 2018** between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. **Please note** that the collection date has changed.

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**Last Day that Eftpos will be available** in the school Office will be Thursday, 14 December. We will be closing our Eftpos facility at 3.30 p.m.



**“Swipe Keys” for Sheldon Park Pool available:** ‘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** Thursday, 14 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.

Christmas Drive!



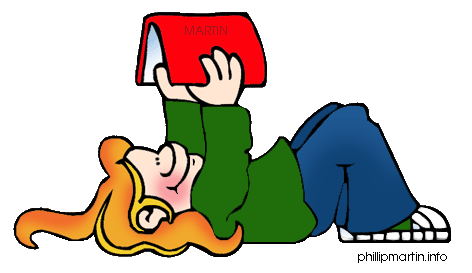
The Prefects have organised a Christmas drive to collect presents for children who are less fortunate than themselves. The Christmas tree is now up in the school office. If you would like to contribute please bring in a new, unused gift, wrapped and fill in one of the labels provided by marking the gender and age that the present is suitable for. Ages 1-14 years preferable.

We need all presents to be under the tree by Thursday 14th December which is when they will be collected. The donated gifts will go to Family Works which is a service providing help to families in need. Many Thanks for your support

**Staffing 2018:** Our Staffing for 2018 is now finalised.

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| **Syndicate** | **Room** | **Teaching Staff** | **Year Level** |
| **Juniors** | 1  2  3  4  5  6  7 | Mrs Judith Short/Mrs Lee-Anne Warren  Mrs Ilisa Kearns (Syndicate Leader)  Miss Lisa George  Miss Jess McCoy  Mrs Becky Beattie/Ms Rachel Morrall  Mrs Helen Bancroft  Miss Brittany Baxter | 1  1  1  1/2  1/2  1/2  1/2 |
| **Lower Middles** | 8  9  11  12  13 | Ms Lissa Toscano  Mrs Jacqui Page  Mrs Julie Winton/Mrs Rebecca Philips  Miss Kellie Spence  Mrs Anne Lynskey (Syndicate Leader) | 3/4  3/4  3/4  3/4  3/4 |
| **Upper Middles** | 14  15  16  17  18 | Mrs Amber Wing  Miss Emily McCombie  Miss Anna Truesdale  Mrs Tracey McLaughlin  Mrs Linda Berryman (Syndicate Leader) | 5/6  5/6  5/6  5/6  5/6 |
| **Seniors** | 21  22  23 | Miss Louise Lynch  Mrs Sarah Junghenn (Syndicate Leader)  Mr Scott Kyle | 7/8  7/8  7/8 |

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**Reading Logs:**

Were sent home with your child last week. It would be great if you could help them complete during the holiday break.

**Christmas and the Holidays**

As this is the final newsletter for the year it is a good opportunity to wish farewell to all the families / whānau who are coming to the end of their association with Belfast School. Thank you for everything you have contributed to your child’s learning and our very best wishes go with you for the next step in their schooling.

To everyone who is returning to Belfast next year we hope you have a relaxing and fun filled Christmas and holidays. Where ever you are during the break may it be a happy time and travel safely if you plan to be out of Christchurch. Ngā mihi nui o te Kirihimete me Te Tou Hou – warm Christmas wishes to you all and for the New Year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2018.

**Sue Elley**

**Principal - Tumuaki**

**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. 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. Please contact Sally on 323 8849 for further information.

**2018** **Term Dates**

Term 1: Monday, 5 February to Friday, 13 April

Term 2: Monday, 30 April to Friday, 6 July

Term 3: Monday, 23 July to Friday, 28 September

Term 4: Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 20 December ****

**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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**Access to Emergency Dental Services during the School Holiday Break:**

**The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments on the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd December available at the following clinics: Hornby Community Dental Clinic and Northcote Community Dental Clinic**

**Tuesday, 9th January – Friday, 12th January 2018 (inclusive)**

**This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.**

**New Year Clinic Openings:**

An emergency dental service will also be offered from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic and Northcote Community Dental Clinic on the following dates:

**Monday, 15th January 2018 – 19th January 2018 (inclusive)**

and

**Monday, 22nd January 2018 – 26th January 2018 (inclusive)**

**You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing 0800 846 983.**



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**Belfast Stars**

**Assembly - 27 November 2017**

**Room 1** Noah Johnston

**Room 2** Madison King

**Room 3** Chelsey Hackett

**Room 4** Lucas Halliday

**Room 5** Tanner Cattermole

**Room 6** Jacob Kean

**Room 7** Jacob O’Connell

**Room 8** Ayla Elliot-Woods

**Room 9** Casey Albers-White

**Room 10** Tyler Roussey-Smith

**Room 11** Jason Haig-Mataira-Kaiwai

**Room 12** Crystal Veitch

**Room 13** Reza Asghari

**Room 14** Hayden Downes

**Room 15** Charlie Stevens

**Room 16** Keegan Arlidge

**Room 17** Arunita Vaotuua

**Room 18** Brodie Lidgett

**Room 21** Jimmy Hastings

**Room 22** Taylor Stuart

**Room 23** Lucas McPhail

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**Belfast Stars**

**Celebration Assembly - 4 December 2017**

**Room 1** Noah Johnston

**Room 2** Finn Johnson

**Room 3** Abas Masoomi

**Room 4** Isaac Olthof

 **Room 5** Alexander Maddock

**Room 6** Karanamu Manawatu

**Room 7** Arman Asghari

**Room 8** Charlie Fairbairn

**Room 9** Rihana Weir

**Room 10** Paige Clarke

**Room 11** James Rowe

**Room 12** Simon Harris-Bom

**Room 13** Alice Stephens

**Room 14** Jaxon Blair

**Room 15** Bradley Roxburgh

**Room 16** Tobey Ineson

**Room 17** Elma Stowell

**Room 18** Brodie Thomas

**Room 21** Jack Wolfe

**Room 22** Jacob Simpson

**Room 23** Olivia Hobbs

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**Junior Neighbourhood Support:**



Emily and Olivia set up a Christmas card making table at lunchtime and helped the children make fabulous Christmas cards for their parents.



Kaleb O’Callhan received a JNS Achiever of the Year award for showing bravery, when there is a potentially life-saving situation.

When Kaleb’s grandfather collapsed, he went to get help while his Grandma called an ambulance. Kaleb got blankets and directed the ambulance into the school grounds.

All the best for the end of the school year and a safe holiday.

**Elissa Smith**

**Co-ordinator**

**Junior Neighbourhood Support**

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[](https://www.facebook.com/Belfast-School-PTA-214189072093884/)**FACEBOOK:**

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

The Belfast School PTA Committee would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support of our fundraising events this year.

We have raised over $20,000 from chocolate sales, sausage sizzles, pies discos, calendar fundraisers. All funds go back to the school and the following items have been purchased:



Jump Jam Uniforms

Senior Camp

$500 to each syndicate for wet day games

Prefect Trip to Wellington

Organised the container shelving for sports equipment

Also a new basketball half court which will be completed in the New Year.

Please look out for the school newsletter next year with details of our PTA meetings. Please feel free to come along to our meetings. We welcome any advice and suggestions (quite often we need some fresh input and ideas). We are a bunch of fun and friendly parents who enjoy helping out the school and we love to meet like-minded individuals!

Once again thank you for your continued support.

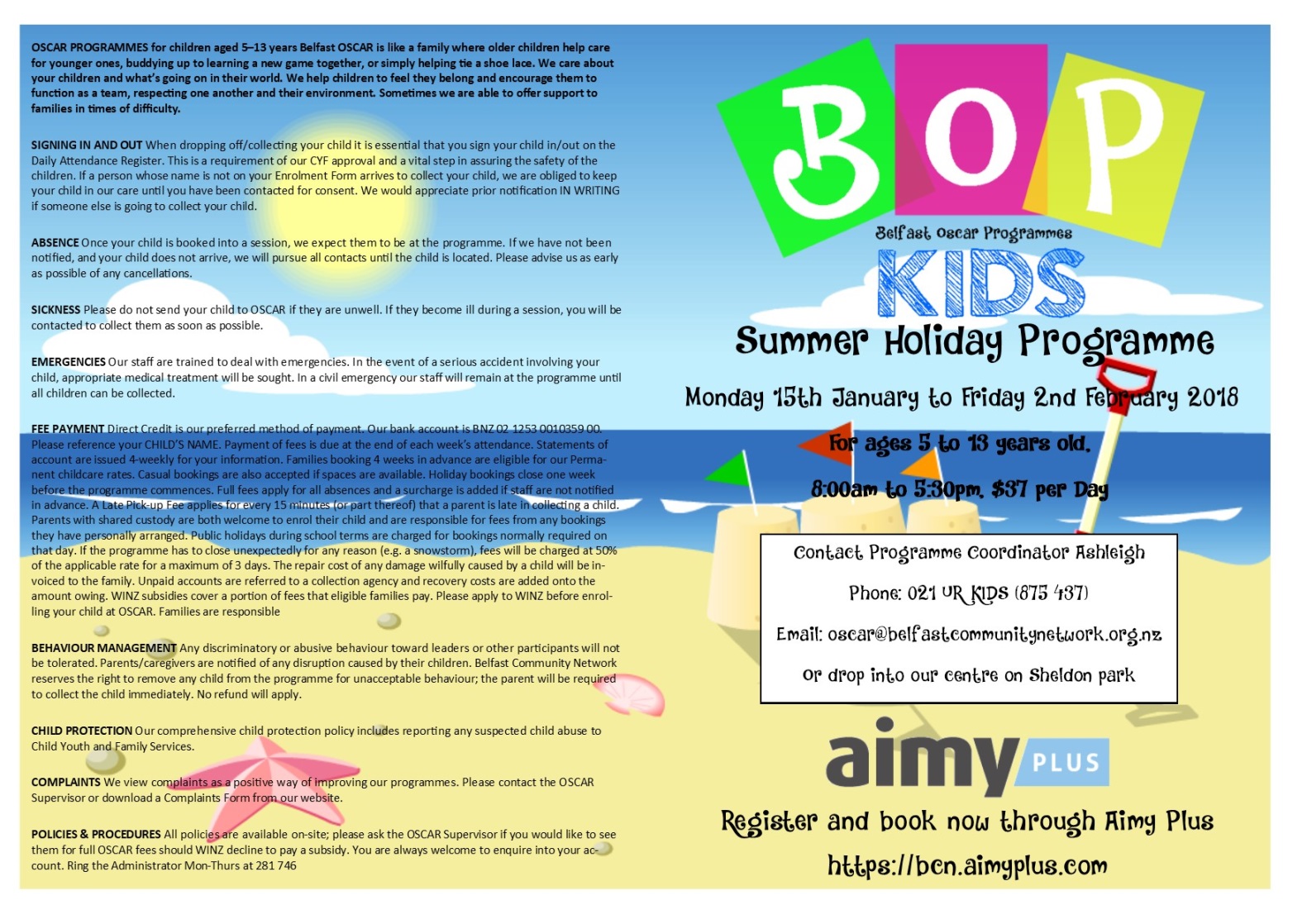
We wish you and your families a festive Christmas and fantastic New Year.

Belfast PTA

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**Christmas and Summer Holiday Programmes:**

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**Cheap up-to-date books, DVDs, CDRoms and jigsaws:**

If you are looking for real bargains in adults’ and children’s books etc, most as new, please call in and see us. Dove Bookshop, 29 Harewood Road; Mon-Fri 10am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Wheelchair access and off street parking, ph 354 6420.

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



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](mailto:belfast.rfc@xtra.co.nz)

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**Belfast Community Network – Community Christmas Breakfast:**

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**Kelly Sports Summer Holiday Programme:**

We are hosting at Wairakei School in December (Mon 18 - Fri 22 Dec) and January (Mon 8 Jan - Fri 26 Jan).

The fun filled school holiday programme is suitable for boys and girls aged 5 - 13 years.  The programme runs daily from 8am - 5.30pm at Wairakei School, 250 Wairakei Road. Children can enroll for full week-long programmes or half day / single day sessions.  Oscar programme subsidies are available.

Further information and bookings can be made by visiting: [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/)

Warm regards, Ady Shannon & Rick Godfrey

Owner Operators - Kelly Sports Christchurch North Central

021 462 098

[r](mailto:jenny@kellysports.co.nz)[ick@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:ick@kellysports.co.nz)



**Papanui High School Night Class Information:**

It is nearly time to make those New Year resolutions so why not begin 2018 by taking some time for yourself and joining one of the wide range of nightclasses that are on offer at Papanui High School.

The start of a new year is the ideal opportunity to get inspired to get out and learn something new and meet some new people? Classes for Term 1 begin from Monday 12 February and the options are extensive from Art to Yoga and everything in between we are sure regardless of your age or interest you will find something to tempt you. Classes at Papanui High School are held in a warm, friendly relaxed environment and our tutors are supportive and well qualified in their chosen fields.

For further information and enrolment in any of our courses please visit our website

[**www.papanui.school.nz**](http://www.papanui.school.nz) **or telephone our office on 3520701.**

**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 the tem, you will have $10.00 for the school holidays!

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**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.

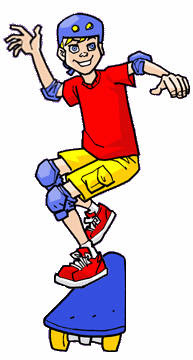
KEY CHANGES TO WISE-UP: > Programme will run for 8 weeks and have an additional 2 follow up sessions the next term > The key facilitator will do home visits with caregivers of all children participating in the programme > There will be two parent workshops for caregivers throughout the programme > Caregivers 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

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**FREE** Skate Jam event being held in January at Sheldon Park.  A great activity in the school holidays funded by the Papanui-Innes Community Board and totally free for the kids.

**Belfast Skate Jam**

**When: Friday 19th January 2018 (Rain date Saturday 20th January)**

**Where: Sheldon Park – (710 Main North Road, Belfast, Christchurch)**

**Time: 1.00pm-4.00pm**

Learn to skate with Scotty and the crew from the Skate Skool / Free skate hire available / Free sausage sizzle/ there will also be a best trick competition.

Have a go youth skateboard event with skate demonstrations and wicked give-aways.  The event is aimed at 10-15 year olds of all abilities, but suitable for younger or older audiences.

Cheapskates demo team will be present on the day performing and offering advice and tips for beginners wanting to start up.  A great opportunity for youth who have not skated before or have just started.

Suitable for a family to attend so come along and enjoy the free Hellers sausage sizzle!

Supported by the Papanui-Innes Community Board and Christchurch City Council.

For further information Please Visit:

<https://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/events/show/445>