



# Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 13 April 2022

## Absences:

absences@belfast.school.nz  
or text 027 6364254

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700 Main North Road  
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## Principal:

Sue Elley

## Board Chair:

Caroline Elkington

## Dates of Interest:

Last day of Term 1: Thurs.  
14 April

Term 2: Begins Monday, 2  
May

PTA AGM: Wed. 4 May at  
7.00

Netsafe Parenting Zoom  
mtg: Mon. 23 May

Teacher Only Days: Thurs.  
2 and Fri. 3 June

Queen's Birthday: Mon. 6  
June (public holiday)

Matariki: Fri. 24 June  
(public holiday)

Last day of Term 2: Friday,  
8 July

## Welcome to our new Pupils:

Iyla Cameron, Corben Kirk, Ruby Smith and Sammy Suisala.



## Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

Tēnā tātou i raro i te maru o Ngāi Tahu. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. As-salamu alaykum. Hola. Talofa lava. Kon'nichiwa. Kamusta. Nī hāu. Namastee. Magandang hapon. Ni sa bula vinaka. Kia orana. Fakatalofa atu. Malo e leilei.

It has been a long, and unusual, term with more disruption than the two previous years when we experienced lock downs. The last two weeks have seen fewer absences in students, however staff absence has increased. We hope that the holiday break gives everyone a chance to rest, recover and stay healthy.

### Change in Traffic Light Setting at 11:59pm Wednesday, 13 April:

While the whole of New Zealand will move to the Orange setting at midnight tonight, we will continue with the same protocols for mask-wearing for students and teachers for the last day of the term. At Orange, masks are highly recommended in indoor settings. As positive cases are still occurring at school, with both teachers and children being impacted, we want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We will advise you of changes in protocols for Term 2 at the end of the holiday break. Please look out for an email notification about this on Friday, 29 April.

## The Royal Parade

Over the term, we have had to adapt our usual programme so many of the events and activities we would normally summarise at this time have not taken place. We were able to help Jo Johnstone, one of our Deputy Principals, celebrate a milestone birthday last week. The whole school participated in a surprise *royal parade* for Jo. Dressed as the Queen, Jo was driven around the school by our caretaker Mr Aldersley, on a specially painted golden chair. The event was enjoyed by everyone.





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## Belfast School PTA

### Parent Teacher Association AGM

**Wednesday 4 May 7:00pm in the Staffroom**

Being a part of the PTA is a great way to be involved with your child's school. The PTA plays an important role in raising funds for all the 'nice to have' extras that government funding does not cover, such as playground equipment, classroom games and supporting travel for teams and camps. PTA events are fun activities for whanau and children eg Discos, ice blocks at picnics.

Being part of the PTA is also an opportunity to get to know other parents / caregivers, as well as helping the school. While work commitments often take up much of people's time, belonging to the PTA doesn't mean you need to take on big projects. Working as a team, the PTA is able to achieve a lot for the school without it taking a big time commitment. Come along to the AGM to find out how you can contribute.

## Building Project

Our work on the building project design has continued throughout the term. Early next term we will have some more images and plans to share with you, as we begin the more detailed phase of design. The location of the second site is to the left of where you can see the new Countdown supermarket being constructed if you are looking from the Belfast Road intersection. The construction work for both the Belfast and Allenvale buildings is scheduled to begin in August with a completion date of mid-2023.



## Netsafe Parent Evening

Included with this newsletter is information for a *Netsafe Parent Evening*: Monday 23 May, 7.00 – 8.30pm via Zoom. Fresh Choice Parklands have kindly funded the cost of this event through their Community Fund and it is being made available to all the schools in the Te Ara Tūhura Cluster.

The session will look at practical ways of how parents / whānau can support children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities. If you weren't able to attend our online session with John Parsons, on cyber safety earlier in the year, this session will deal with similar issues. The flyer in the Community section has the link to register for this online event on page 5.



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## Awahi Certificates

Throughout the term, children have been earning their Awahi acknowledgements with many reaching the certificate level. It is always so fabulous presenting the children with these awards. Next term, we plan to have several Pizza lunches for those who have earned 300 Awhis.



## Preparing for Winter

The Ministry of Health is encouraging everyone to prepare for Winter by having flu shots and checking children's vaccinations for measles and other childhood illnesses are up to date. Continuing with healthy habits to avoid COVID-19 during the holidays will be important as the virus is still with us. If your child develops COVID-19 during the holiday break please email [principal@belfast.school.nz](mailto:principal@belfast.school.nz) Knowing this is helpful so that we understand your child's needs if they have just recovered.

Have a relaxing break, and if you are planning a trip, travel safely. We look forward to seeing everyone back again, fit and healthy in the new term.

Noho ora mai

**Sue Elley**  
Tumuaki - Principal

## Community Dental Service - Dental Care during the School Holidays:



Community Dental Service will be providing urgent and relief of pain appointments during the school break at:

*Aranui Community Dental Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Christchurch*  
*Hornby Community Dental clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Christchurch*

You can access these appointments by calling our Contact Centre on **0800 846 983**. For any dental advice please call the contact Centre on **0800 846 983** or email [comm dental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:comm dental@cdhb.health.nz)





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Reminder that children are to wear **winter school uniform** in Terms 2 and 3. The main change is the winter weight culottes for the girls; and navy knee length socks for all children.



**Reading Logs** have been sent home with your child for the holiday break.

## Starting Time for School:

Children are able to enter their classrooms from 8:30 a.m. onwards when their teachers are in their rooms and able to supervise. Prior to 8:30 a.m. there is no supervision for children arriving early, so we encourage you to time your child's arrival at school for 8:30 a.m.

## Children turning 5 years of age!

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and December 2022** and who will be attending Belfast School, please enroll your child. We need to know how many 5 year olds are starting so we can plan for their visits etc. Please phone Sally on 323-8849 for further enrolment information or email [principal@belfast.school.nz](mailto:principal@belfast.school.nz)

## Absences:



If your child is going to be absent from school, can you please let the school Office know by either leaving a message on the answerphone - 323 8849 option 1, send a text to 027 6364254, or by email to [absences@belfast.school.nz](mailto:absences@belfast.school.nz) Please state your child's name, room number and reason why they will be absent. Thank you.

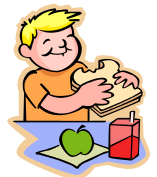
## Medical Issues/Health Concerns:

Please make sure you have discussed any medical issues with either the Principal when completing your child's Enrolment form; or your child's class teacher. If your child's medical information needs to be updated, please collect a medical form from the school Office. This information is confidentially saved into our Student Management System so that we can provide your child with the necessary care.

## School Lunches:



Bakery items can be purchased for the children's lunches on Friday mornings for Friday lunch. Full details and order forms are available from the school Office.





# Community Notices

## Advance Notice - Netsafe Parenting Evening:

**When:** Monday, 23 May - 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.

**Where:** Via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/bdzy89h4>

Meeting ID: 843 7422 1476

Passcode: 105852

This is a **FREE** event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Education Advisor Paula Wistrand will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online. The session will look at how parents/whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

‘Fantastic presentation. Fun, humorous and practical, with no judgement of our rangitahi/young people which was great. Some awesome tips for both teachers and parents alike. Best Zoom presentation I have been to - and I've been to a few! Keep up the great mahi!’ March 2022.

Please follow this link to register for this free event: <https://tinyurl.com/8whp5tp9>

## Belfast Junior Rugby:





## Belfast Netball Club:

If your child is keen to play netball this season, please visit our website [www.belfastnetball.co.nz](http://www.belfastnetball.co.nz) for more information.

## Raise Up Ōtautahi!

**Become a leader, make a difference:** Calling all young people aged 13-18 years! Are you interested in running awesome events and making life-long friends? This is a unique opportunity for you to join a Raise Up crew and make a difference in your community.

Raise Up consists of crews of up to twenty young people who plan and run events, activities, and workshops for other young people. It has been running at YMCA North for over ten years with huge success - now it's time to bring Raise Up to Christchurch.



### What does a Raise Up crew get up to?

Being in a Raise Up crew means you are supported to grow by doing and by leading. The journey of the crew (like what events and activities they run) is entirely up to the crew members, supported by your coordinator. Crew members get to:

- Attend weekly meetings
- Run youth events and workshops
- Participate in Leadership Training
- Volunteer in the community
- Connect with other Raise Up crews around New Zealand
- Run weekly activities - these could be sports, arts, music, study clubs
- Work towards leadership endorsements and build your CV
- Have a platform to advocate for youth issues

### How can I join a crew?

To join a Raise Up crew you just need to fill out this [application form](#) and hit send. Your local coordinator will then get in touch to talk about your spot on the crew.

To learn more about the Ōtautahi crew and meet your coordinator, click [here](#).

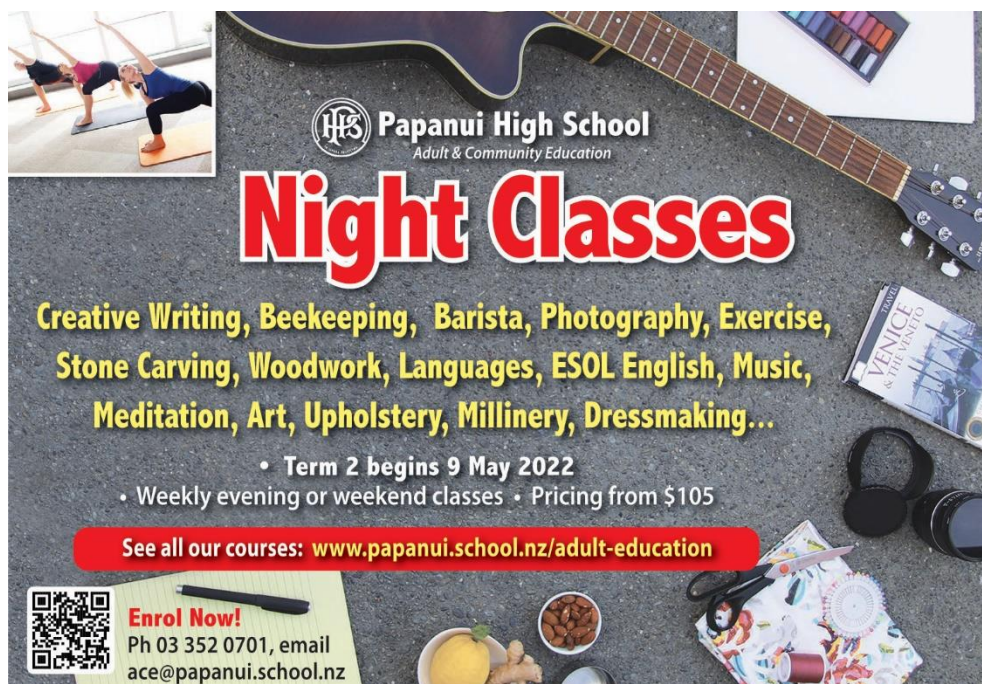
**Come join the crew!** We'll see you there!





# Community Notices

## Papanui High School Adult Education Courses – Term 2, 2022:



**Papanui High School**  
Adult & Community Education

# Night Classes

Creative Writing, Beekeeping, Barista, Photography, Exercise,  
Stone Carving, Woodwork, Languages, ESOL English, Music,  
Meditation, Art, Upholstery, Millinery, Dressmaking...

- Term 2 begins 9 May 2022
- Weekly evening or weekend classes • Pricing from \$105

See all our courses: [www.papanui.school.nz/adult-education](http://www.papanui.school.nz/adult-education)

**Enrol Now!**  
Ph 03 352 0701, email  
[ace@papanui.school.nz](mailto:ace@papanui.school.nz)

## 'Brain Play' – Online Science & Technology Classes:



ONLINE CLASSES | ONE OFF EVENTS

# Science & Technology Classes

[brainplay.co.nz](http://brainplay.co.nz)

'Brain Play' runs online science & technology classes for students ages 5 - 13, of any experience level. Join us for afternoon sessions, all term long, covering coding, robotics, 3D printing, and science topics. Free trials & online open days are available for you to meet our team & learn more about our topics.

See <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/courses> for info on days & times, and click "Enrol" once you're ready to book. We also run one off events to the themes of Minecraft, Roblox, 3D Printing & Girls Only workshops! Click "events" on our website to learn more.



# Community Notices

## Elements Outdoor Play for April Holidays:

**Elements Nature Based Play - After a crazy term of uncertainty how about having your children** active & creative in nature next school holidays. Think huts, trees, tools, arts n crafts with time and space to be a kid. Elements has a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our programmes. In the April School holidays Elements is offering '**Natures Challenges**' & '**Myths n Monsters**', for ages 5-13yrs on a Cashmere farm.



See our website <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/> or facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes/> to see what we get up to. Bookings are through <https://elements.aimyplus.com> For more info email [elementsprogrammes@gmail.com](mailto:elementsprogrammes@gmail.com)

## Northern Bulldogs:

My name is Lydia Dixon and I am Club Captain at the Northern Bulldogs Rugby League Club in Kaiapoi. We are still looking for players for some of our league teams, mainly Under 10, 11 and 12s, but would welcome all ages. Please go to our website for further information.



***NORTHERN BULLDOGS  
RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB***



***JOIN THE RISE  
2K22***  
Register at  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/186831>

Come and be apart of our club in 2022  
Family orientated  
Grades from Nursery through to Premier  
Email [northernbulldogsrugbyleague@gmail.com](mailto:northernbulldogsrugbyleague@gmail.com)  
Check out our Facebook page





# Community Notices

## Scarecrow Trail begins on Saturday, 16 April:

Fantastic, fun, school holiday activity!

The trail begins **Saturday, 16 April**. Maps go on sale at Methven I Hub and for \$10 (cash only) and the trail begins at the I Hub.

Don't forget to like the Scarecrow Trail FB page if possible - this is where we post messages and the results - <https://www.facebook.com/MethvenScarecrowTrail/>



## **Methven Scarecrow Trail** **Saturday April 16 - Sunday May 1**

Awesome school holiday activity  
Only \$10 - cash only please  
Info & Maps available from the  
Methven ihub






# Community Notices

## Tuning into Kids Parenting Course:

A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 5-12 years which is free.

Is your child struggling to manage their big emotions like anger, fear or anxiety? This course will help them become aware and regulate their own emotions, and help you develop:

- An awareness of their children's emotions;
- The ability to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- Support to guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.



### *Tuning in to Kids*

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting


A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 5-12 years

Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- Awareness and regulation of their own emotions;
- Awareness of their children's emotions;
- To use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- To guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.

Sessions include:

- Watching video material
- Group discussions and exercises
- Role plays
- Home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions
- Participants sharing their own experiences within the group



Listed below are details of the courses running this term. It is free to attend, you must attend all 6 sessions. To sign up for a group please email the course facilitator:

Start date	Day/ Time	Location	Facilitator
10 May	Tuesday 6-8pm	Online (Zoom)	paige.lenton@barnardos.org.nz
17 May	Tuesday 7-9pm	Darfield Primary School	colleen@hpct.org.nz
18 May	Wednesday 7-9pm	Clearview School- Rolleston	danielaj@psusi.org.nz
18 May	Wednesday 9.30am-10.30am	Waipuna- Linwood	liz.riley@sjog.org.nz
19 May	Thursday 7-9pm	Lincoln Primary School	sandra.keenan@ccn.health.nz
25 May	Wednesday 7-9pm	Parklands Baptist Church	kim.button@yat.org.nz

*If you are interested in attending a Tuning in to Kids course, but these dates or locations don't suit please email: [manaakefeedback@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:manaakefeedback@cdhb.health.nz). You will be emailed with the details of new courses as they are released.*



# Community Notices

## Korfball Youth Academy & Holiday Programme:

Mixx is organising a **Korfball Holiday Program** in the April Holidays. We have an **amazing opportunity** for all the Year 7 & 8s that enjoyed Korfball!

Starting in Term 2, Mixx will organise **four Korfball Youth Academies** in Canterbury. These Academies are there for the players that enjoy the **good vibes**, who want to develop their skills during weekly trainings, leading up to an awesome **Mixx Academy Weekend** at the end of the year. On top of that, the Mixx Youth Academies are the pathway to get selected for **Korfball New Zealand squads**. For more information, check us out on [www.mixx.nz/academytraining](http://www.mixx.nz/academytraining)

## TIMA - School Holiday Programmes for Tamariki with a disability:



# TIMA

## Tamariki

Under 12  
years

Adapted Sport  
and  
Recreation

26th - 29th April 2022

9.30-11.30am

Avon Hub Gym  
77 North Parade,  
Richmond

\$80 total for four days

Register [www.TIMA.nz](http://www.TIMA.nz)

Please contact  
Kaye Nordstrom ( Director)  
[timakiwi@gmail.com](mailto:timakiwi@gmail.com)  
0272267499



TIMA  
Today I Am More Active,  
Tomorrow I Am More Awesome,  
Together It Is More Achievable







# Community Notices

## Northern Community Market - Saturday, 16 April at 9.00 am - Redwood Hotel grounds, 340 Main North Road:

We would like to invite families to our market on Saturday as this will be the last chance to take part in our giant Easter raffle which will be drawn at 12 noon.

- 1st prize \$100 gift hamper donated by New World Northwood
- 2nd prize cheeseboard platter
- 3rd prize easter bunny and eggs
- 4th prize \$10 pizza voucher



The market is held every first and third Saturday.  
For more information visit [www.northerncommunitymarket.co.nz](http://www.northerncommunitymarket.co.nz)

## Audition Notice:

Luminaires are seeking talented actors, singers, dancers and even cheerleaders for our July 2022 Kidsfest Show - Monty Python's Spamalot Young@Part!!

Ages 8-18. Fill in the online form to register for your audition.

<https://forms.gle/59FEvyskBQVYL5nj8>



You can follow us on social media for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/LuminairesCharitableTrust>

<https://www.instagram.com/luminairescharitabletrust/>

## Shizoku Martial Arts:

[www.smakarate.co.nz](http://www.smakarate.co.nz)

Life Skills & Martial Arts programme that inspire  
Youth to **BELIEVE** and **EMPOWER** themselves.



## BE YOUR BEST

[www.smakarate.co.nz](http://www.smakarate.co.nz)



# Community Notices

## Art Therapy Sessions:

# Mindfulness Art Classes

*The perfect place to support you with anxiety, stress and depression*

A relaxed group where you get to choose what you want to paint, make and create we provide the resources.  
A place to work through your worries creatively facilitated by 2 qualified teachers

## Children in Years 1 - 4

**Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm**

26th April

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st May

7th, 21st & 28th June

5th July



*Classes are \$20 each or book 10 for \$160*

## Children in Years 5 - 8

**Tuesday 4.45 - 5.45pm**

26th April

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st May

7th, 21st & 28th June

5th July



*Classes are \$20 each or book 10 for \$160*

## Parents/Adult

**Every Tuesday 1.15 - 2.15pm**

*Classes are \$15 each*

All classes are held at Ohoka Domain Pavilion

**Bookings essential for all classes as spaces are limited**

**[www.sleepharmony.co.nz](http://www.sleepharmony.co.nz)**



## Celebrate Earth Day - 22 April 2022:

TOCK.Earth has teamed up with Christchurch City Libraries to run a **fun art competition** open to tamariki 0-12 years old. Starts on 19 to 30 April, with 2 prizes to be won.

Go to [www.TOCK.earth/earthday22](http://www.TOCK.earth/earthday22) for full details.