



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 9 November 2022

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Sue Elley

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Caroline Elkington

Dates of Interest:

Fri. 11 Nov - Show Day
(school closed)

Fri. 18 Nov - School
finishing at 12.30 p.m. to
enable Teaching Staff to
attend NZEI Paid Union mtg

Thurs. 24 Nov - Y7
Leadership Day at Spencer
Park

Thurs. 24 Nov - NE &
Juniors Athletics Day 10.00
to 12.30

Thurs. 15/12 - Last day for
Year 1-7 pupils

Y8's only morning of Fri.
16/12

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Harry Watt, Sophie Bell, Eden Bell, Lani Bell, Jacob Knowles, Bianca Fenemor-Jones, Willa Frizzell, Roman Moriarty, Aneurin Ball, Erin Ball, Michael Nunez, Natezzhia Cortez, Kezzhia Cortez, Archer Diboll Pollett, Sienna Smith and Levi Shaughnessy.



Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whānau

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. Nǐ hǎu. Namastee. Magandang hapon. Ni sa bula vinaka. Kia orana. Fakatalofa atu. Malo e leilei.

Term 4 is racing away with many events already completed. Athletics has been a main feature with our school sports, and then last week the zone competition. We had some great results in both the track and field events. Our choir had a wonderful experience at the Music Festival and our annual Surf to Turf event for Year 7/8 students was another highlight. Over the weekend our three Jump Jam teams competed in the Regionals.

All of these experiences create long lasting memories for our tamariki. A huge thanks to the staff and parents who support the children both in preparation for the events and on the day. It really is a team effort!

The term ahead involves planning for end of year events, report writing and preparations for 2023. After the disruptions of the year, we hope to have a smooth path to the end of the term.

The City Council have begun work on getting the pool ready for use. There is quite a lot of repair work required due to vandalism and some general wear and tear. We will be hiring keys for the summer once the pool is ready for use. We will notify you when you can purchase keys from the School Office.

NZEI Paid Union Meeting:

The NZEI has called a paid union meeting for all primary teachers who are union members. This is the majority of our teaching staff and so unfortunately we will need to finish school at the **earlier time of 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 18 November 2022**, so staff can attend. We have tried to choose the least disruptive meeting time to attend.

Updating Medical Information:

When students enrol at school we have parents/caregivers complete a form that gives the details of children's medical conditions. If anything changes with your child's medical needs, please request and complete a medical form from the School Office. Once this signed form is return to school the information is added to the child's file in our student management system.



This enables us to keep everything up to date.

Returning School Resources:

End of year tasks include stock takes of our resources - reading books, library books and sports uniforms. The cost of all these resources is significant and we need to ensure all our resources are accounted for. Please check at home for any school resources and have your child return them to their teacher, the library or sports uniforms to Donna in the School Office.

Chromebooks to Support Learning:

Five years ago we began our work as part of the Manaiaikalani Outreach program using digital technology to support our students' learning. The Cybersmart Curriculum and advantages of using devices has enabled our students to develop a wide range of skills, and to become digitally competent, confident and responsible. As a school we committed significant funding to lease Chromebooks to establish this programme and provide children with individual access to devices. Over time the number of student-owned devices has increased and provided even greater advantages for learning. We saw how beneficial this was during the lockdowns for home learning programmes.

Leasing large numbers of Chromebooks is not sustainable and when leases expire at the end of this year, we do not plan to renew them. We are now at a stage where we need to move to students owning their own Chromebooks. For 2023 we will be adding Chromebooks to the stationery lists for children in Years 4-8. We recommend, but will not require, children in Year 3 to own a Chromebook. There are options for purchasing a Chromebook through the Manaiaikalani Trust – <https://www.urumanuka.org.nz/buy-a-chromebook> or local suppliers.

We encourage you to start thinking about this now and investigate the options provided by the Trust. Please talk with us about how this impacts your family if it will be difficult to achieve.

Chromebook Purchase Information:

Uru Manuka Education Trust have advised that the Purchase Bundle includes:

1. **Acer C734 Chromebook**
2. **3 year manufacturer's warranty**
3. **Bag** : Targus education work-in clamshell with 3 year manufacturer's warranty
4. Your Chromebook comes with cover for the costs of repair and/or replacement of devices, accidentally lost and damaged – associated to an **Acer Device Care Programme**. This is not an insurance product, it is an incident repair service offered with Acer Chromebook devices for the Manaiaikalani Education Trust.
5. **Cost: \$550.00 incl. GST**



Payment is required before the order can be processed. Please select payment type when ordering: full payment through internet banking or WINZ support.

Please go to: <https://www.urumanuka.org.nz/buy-a-chromebook> complete the form and make a payment through internet banking.

Please note the last day for orders of the Learner Device bundle for 2022 is Friday, 25 November 2022. These will restart again in late January 2023.

Payment Details: Uru Manuka Education Trust: ASB 12-3441-0091909-00

Please include the following details with your payment: Particulars (Student first name); Reference (School name) and Code (Student surname).



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Road Patrol:

Do you have 25 minutes to spare in the morning to help with road patrol at the Main North Road crossing and keep our children safe? Duty is from 8:30 – 8:55am each day. We would love to have your support to enable classroom teachers to be in their rooms to meet the children when they arrive at school. We have students who are trained to be on duty, however an adult is required for support, especially when traffic flows are heavy and not all drivers obey the red lights. If you can help, please contact Linda Berryman by emailing linda.berryman@belfast.school.nz

We have been advised by Waka Kotahi that we will be consulted in the first quarter of 2023 about strategies to make roads and streets outside schools safer. Our location makes this a little more complex because Main North Road is a major thoroughfare. We are looking forward to finding out more about this.

COVID-19:

We remain vigilant and are continuing with our healthy habits - supporting students with hand hygiene and cough etiquette, keeping the learning spaces ventilated and monitoring children for signs of illness. We are mindful that COVID cases appear to be on the increase around the country after a settled period. We have been notified of a few active cases involving students and staff. If anyone in your household is showing signs of illness, please test and keep anyone who is unwell at home.

Children turning 5 years of age!

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and September 2023** and who will be attending Belfast School, please enrol 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

A huge Thank You to:

Action Scaffolding (Mark Backhouse) for making the extremely strong cages to protect the alarm sound horns; and Kennards Hire for their support in loaning us the plate compacter.

Feinwerk Pavers who have very generously donated the pavers for the path going from outside Rooms 10/11 to the adventure playground. This donation was organised by Mark Backhouse whose assistance is very much appreciated. Craig is busily constructing this path at the moment.

Enjoy the long weekend ahead. In Canterbury, as we all know, once Show day is over it is only a short time to the end of year and the Christmas break.

Noho ora mai

Sue Elley
Tumuaki – Principal

End of Year Finishing Dates for Pupils:

Last full day for Years 1-7 is Thursday 15/12
Y8's only morning of Friday 16/12



Congratulations to:

Liliana Moore in R14 who received her Bronze Reading Award.

Adam Clark in R17 and **Finn Johnson** in R14 who received their Awhi Silver badges.

Xavier Cooper in R17 who received his Awhi Bronze badge.



2023 School Term Dates:

Term 1:

Ako Meetings : Years 1-8 (Teacher/Student/Parent)

Thursday, 2 February

Friday, 3 February

Monday, 6 February

Tuesday, 7 February

Thursday, 6 April

Friday, 7 April

Monday, 10 April

Tuesday, 11 April

Waitangi Day (observed)

Everyone at school

Good Friday,

Easter Monday

Easter Tuesday

Term 2:

Monday, 24 April

Tuesday, 25 April

Monday, 5 June

Friday, 30 June

ANZAC Day

King's Birthday

Term 3:

Monday, 17 July

Friday, 18 August

Friday, 22 September

Teacher Only Day

Term 4:

Monday, 9 October

Monday, 23 October

Friday, 17 November

Tuesday, 19 December

(Last full day for Years 1-7 Mon. 18/12; Y8's only morning of Tues. 19/12)

Labour Day

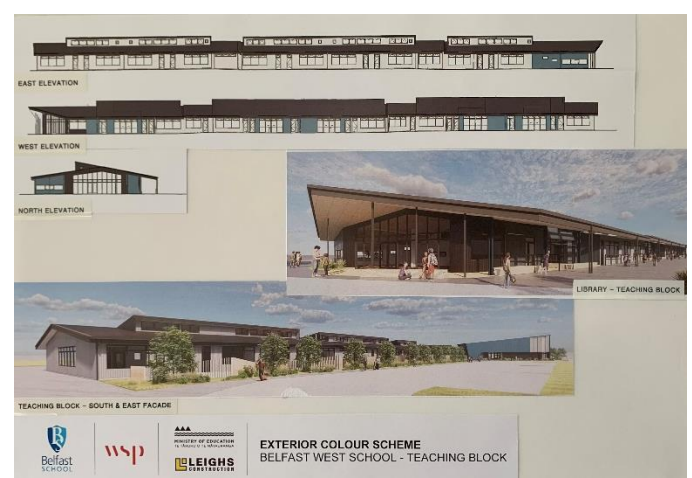
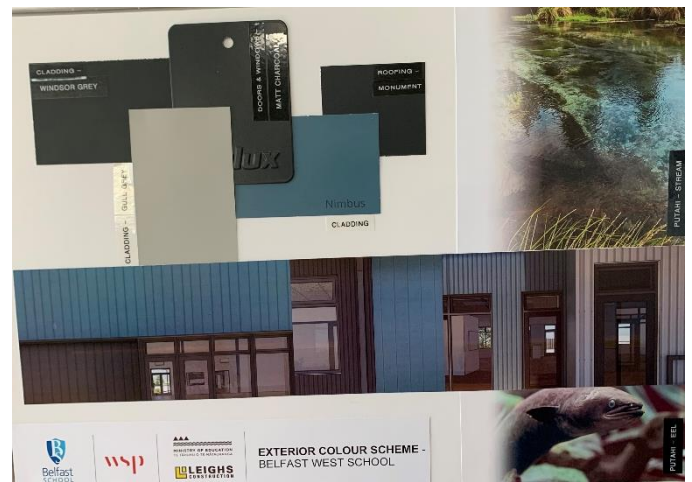
Show Day



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Senior Campus Building Progress:

To date over \$1million of work has been completed on the foundation work for the senior campus. Much of the work is underground with piles up to 18m deep. Work is progressing at the expected rate. Materials for the next stage have been ordered and the contractors are confident there will be minimal delays. These images show the exterior colour scheme that has been selected to blend in with the environment and aligned with the cultural narrative of the land. In early times this was a mahinga kai area (food gathering site) rich with birds and tuna (eels) for Māori living at Kaiapoi. The waterways were used for travel and transporting food to other areas. Planning for the interior colour schemes is the next stage.





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 Please state your child's name, room number and reason why they will be absent. Thank you.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

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.

At pick up time children in the Junior classes can meet parents/whānau by the Junior playground (not in front of the Junior building) or the court area besides the school gardens adjacent to the hall. The garden area keeps everyone away from the car parking area for safety and to avoid congestion around the front of the building.

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.

Summer Uniform:



Please make sure children are wearing the correct **summer school uniform** in Term 4. This means the girls are to wear their 'summer' culottes, and **all children** are to wear a navy blue wide brimmed **sun hat**. Belfast School's school uniform are available for purchase from The Warehouse, Northwood Supacentre.

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.





Term 4 - Dental Team will be visiting soon:

FREE Dental care for children – including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit. Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz



Community Notices

MERC Parent FREE Webinar Series – 'What's Going On for My Child or Teen?'

1. **Supporting Children and Teens Through Big Emotions:** Wednesday 16 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm Gain an understanding of how you can support your child or teen who may be experiencing intense feelings. Facilitated by Sarah Drummond.
2. **The Importance of Healthy Sleep Habits:** Wednesday 23 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Explore the importance of sleep habits and learn ways to establish healthy routines. Facilitated by Ruth Troughton.
3. **Supporting Children and Teens in a Digital World:** Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Consider the effects on children and teens living in a digital world and explore tools and strategies which can be used to have discussions about wellbeing and safety online. Facilitated by NetSafe.

Register at: mherc.org.nz

New Habits and Hints for Wellbeing series:

1. **The Mind Does Matter: The Impact of Thoughts – My Thinking Self**
Monday 14 November 2022, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
This week's discussion will help you understand how our thoughts impact our emotions and how you can respond.
2. **Speaking up: An Assertive Self – My Assertive Self**
Monday 21 November 2022, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
This week's discussion provides you with some ideas around how to be assertive to ensure you can meet your own needs.
3. **Action Planning: Wellness Recovery – My Caring Self**
Monday 28 November 2022, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
This week's discussion looks at a model of self care that focuses on strategies for seeking and maintaining wellness.
4. **What If? Future Focussed – My Prepared Self**
Monday 5 December 2022, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
This week's discussion considers the possibility of relapse or setbacks with a focus on preparation to minimise the impacts

[Register Here](#)



Community Notices

Brain Play Online!

Brain Play teaches online after-school science & technology classes to Kiwi kids aged 5 - 13, from right across the country!

Online topics this term include 3D printing, coding, animation, STEM experiments, LEGO & more. Free trials available for new students. Check out our timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch - <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>



Rotary Club of Belfast / Kaiapoi:

If you would like to become a member of the Belfast/Kaiapoi Rotary Club and would like to know more about what they do to support our community, please email The President, Les McFadden at lemcfadden@xtra.co.nz

Save Lives at the Next Blood Drive in Bishopdale!

Are you ready to save a life? New Zealand Blood Service needs donors! When you become a donor, you're giving a priceless gift to someone in need.

Bishopdale Blood Drive

Where: Bishopdale Reformed Church, 90 Highsted Road.

When: Wednesday 23rd November

o 2:30pm – 6:30pm

Please consider rolling up your sleeves and donating blood as a team this November!

Eligibility criteria applies – please do the online [Am I eligible?](#) quiz to see if you can give blood or contact us to speak with a nurse!

A few important things to remember...

- Please **eat & drink plenty** before you come along to donate (at least 1.5 litres of water)
- Remember to **bring your ID** – donor card or photo ID (driver's licence, passport, etc).

Every donation can help save up to THREE lives!

To book an appointment, download the new NZ Blood Service Donor App, visit www.nzblood.co.nz or call us on 0800 4480325





Community Notices

Envirokids Upcoming Events:



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Anytime from 10AM - 3PM
Location (for all events except for the 12th & 26th):
Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens
All Events are FREE!



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Bee Awesome with Envirokids
This collaboration with Bee Awesome gives insight to the life of a beekeeper!



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Be a Stormwater Superhero!
Engage with the Stormwater Superhero trailer created by Christchurch City Council and ECAN.
46A Vogel St. Richmond, Christchurch



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World Sustainable Toy Day with EcoSplat
Join us to celebrate a day where we focus on sustainable toys with the EcoSplat team!



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Keep CHCH Beautiful with Envirokids
Our friends at Keep Christchurch Beautiful are here to spread awareness about ways to keep our city clean!
46A Vogel St. Richmond, Christchurch

For more information:
 @ChchEnvirokids



SurfKids Surfing Programme:

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 19th Dec, 10am -12pm

Cost \$35 per day or \$160 for five lessons. Bookings essential.

Venue : Sumner

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



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TMC Trucking & Industry Show – Family Fun:

A fantastic family event coming up on Saturday November 26th at the Canterbury Agricultural Park in Christchurch. The TMC Trucking Industry Show is New Zealand's largest Trucking Festival and there is so much going on, making it heaps of fun for the whole family! **Kids are FREE and all kids activities at the show are FREE too!** Adults are just \$10 entry.

There are so many activities for the kids – plan to stay all day! These include:

- The largest truck bouncy castle in the world – a 22m long truck obstacle course (for kids over 10 years old)
- The Mega truck bouncy castle 14m long!
- The Carter Tyre Run – race through the tyre run in the quickest time to win prizes at the end of the show
- Road Metals Giant Sand Pits with hidden treasure– one for the little-ies and one for kids over 8 years old. Did for treasure and win prizes!
- The Valvoline Road Safety Scooter Track – grab a pedal kart or scooter and race around the track, learning some fun road rules at the same time
- Activities Chill Tent – including colouring-in competitions for all ages
- Trucking 9-hole Mini-golf course – grab a putter and make it round the trucks to beat your family and friends
- People's Choice – vote for your favourite truck, it'll be pretty hard to pick from the 400 trucks on display!
- The RC Haulers Radio Control Trucks – these miniature trucks have amazing detail and will be driving around a huge Trucking Village

There will be plenty to see and do at the show, with industry competitions also taking place including the TR Group NZ Truck Driving Championships, the Palfinger Crane Competition, Liebherr All-terrain Crane Competition and the NZ Forklift Competition.

Over 400 big shiny trucks will be on display, so walk around and vote for your favourite in the People's Choice competition. There will be plenty of food vendors, coffee, ice cream and sheltered areas to relax, as well as the huge Monstavisision screen where you can sit and watch the excitement from the industry competitions. The Show Shop will have a great selection of truck toys and remote control trucks available from just \$30 – arrive early as these sell out fast.

This event only comes around every 2 years – so come along on Saturday November 26th and enjoy a family-friendly, affordable day out (please leave your furry family members at home).

Adult Tickets can be purchased online and grab your free kids tickets here too: [Tickets for 2022 TMC Trucking Industry Show - Christchurch - Eventfinda](#)

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at this fantastic Trucking Festival.



Community Notices

Shizoku Martial Arts:

Are you looking for a new activity that will build your child's CONFIDENCE and SELF-ESTEEM? We are now taking enrollments in a Life skill focused Martial arts school for all ages. We Educate. Inspire. Empower youth with FOCUS, CONFIDENCE and other essential life skills while learning self-defence. Book a trial class with Shizoku Martial Arts. www.smakarate.co.nz

Our award-winning club will give your child valuable tools for life. It is also a great compliment for other sports to improve their strength, speed, strategy planning and agility ahead of next season.

Book your child now and get your FREE Trial at www.smakarate.co.nz





Community Notices

Bellies Babies to Tweens' - pre-loved buy/sell market:



**Buy & Sell
Pre-Loved Market**

MATERNITY, BABIES & KIDS



**SUNDAY
27 NOV
9am-12pm**

**PIONEER
STADIUM**

FREE PARKING



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