



Belfast School Newsletter

care I share I learn I grow

Tuesday, 15 March 2022

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Dates of Interest:

Thursday, 17 March: PB4L
Uniform Free Day - Gold
coin donation and dress up
in **GREEN**

Last day of Term 1:
Thursday, 14 April

Term 2: Starts on Monday,
2 May

Welcome to our new Pupils:



Mila Shaughnessy, India Shaughnessy, Srishti Purwal, Srey Purwal, Phoenix Sisson, Ember Peterson, Leo Jones, Alia Jones, Preston Jones, Carson Gearachawski, Lilly Mulvaney, Evie Birchfield, Mathilda Suckling, Elissa Hattingh, Hannah Bester, Avah Bester, Ava Brown, Knox Donnelly, Isla Hodgins, Ruby York, Eva Lamar, Cooper De Grut, Arlo Hodgson, Grace Stringer, Michael Price, Ava Lafai, Natalie Kearns, Beauden Lankshear, Freddy Nutsford, Harvey Bogren, Melia Ward, Koby Anderton-Devlin, Ainsley Esser, Viliami Tuitau, Oriana Tuitau, Kaufo'ou Filimoehala, Lupe Filimoehala, Leo Swainson-Whaanga, Kadie Herbert, Madi Fauth, Maya Naik, Brodie Ryan, Cohen Gould, Cameron Thompson, Alex Simpson, Indie Trenberth, Aayra Nanayakkara, Ariki Karetai, Arianh Gibbs-Allfrey, Rhys Adair and Esra Salimi.

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

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 1. Our focus for the year so far, has been very much on managing our pandemic response. It makes a nice change, in this newsletter to share some of the events and other information about our school. We have had many new families joining us this year so a big welcome to Belfast School. We hope you are enjoying being part of our whānau.

Building Planning

In 2019 the Ministry of Education approved the building of a second campus for Belfast School to accommodate a predicted population growth in the area. Our plan is for the school to be located over two sites - a junior campus on the current site for children in Years 1-4, and a senior campus on a new site for children in Years 5-8.

We are very excited to share with you the master plan for our current school site and the Preliminary Design Plans for our second campus in the new housing development opposite Belfast Road. Below you will see a range of images illustrating the main areas of these projects.

These plans are a culmination of 12 months' work with the school team, our school Mana Whenua advisor from Tuahuriri iwi, Leighs Construction (with WSP as Lead Designer) and the Ministry of Education to ensure our new spaces are aligned with our school's education vision.



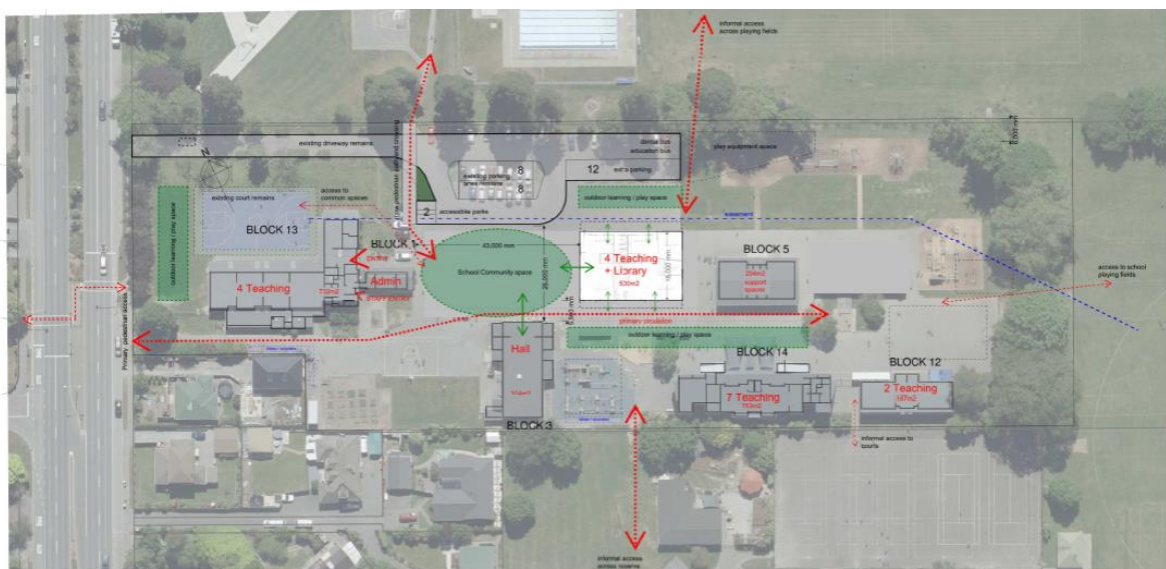
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Current school site (future Year 1- 4 Junior Campus)

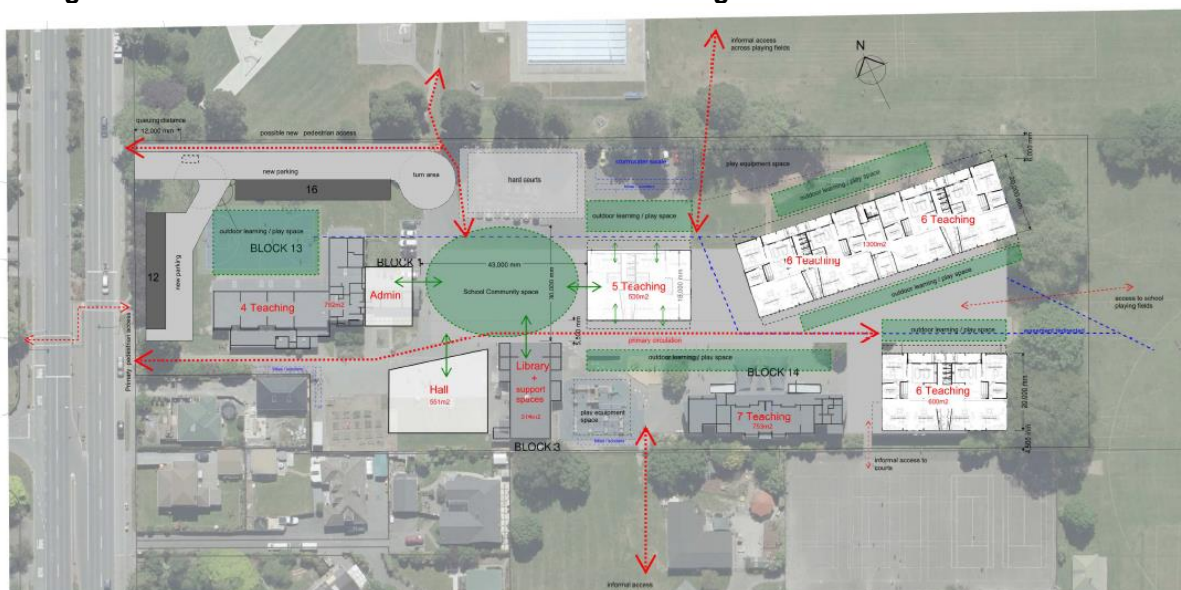
There are redevelopment works planned for the current site. The next phase includes the refurbishment of our existing hall, demolition of the blocks that have Rooms 14-18 and the library, and Rooms 10-11, and the build of a new block that will hold four teaching spaces and a new library. Landscaping, including making changes to the drive and the car park to make this area safer, are planned to complete this project. We expect this work will begin around August, and is scheduled to be completed by July 2023. This work will be carefully sequenced to ensure the least possible disruption to teaching and learning while the build programme continues.

These images show the layout of the current site following the refurbishment and the master plan that shows the development of future building.

Refurbishment Current Site – replacement of blocks containing Rooms 14-18 and Rooms 10-11



Long Term Master Plan for Current Site – future buildings include hall and classroom blocks





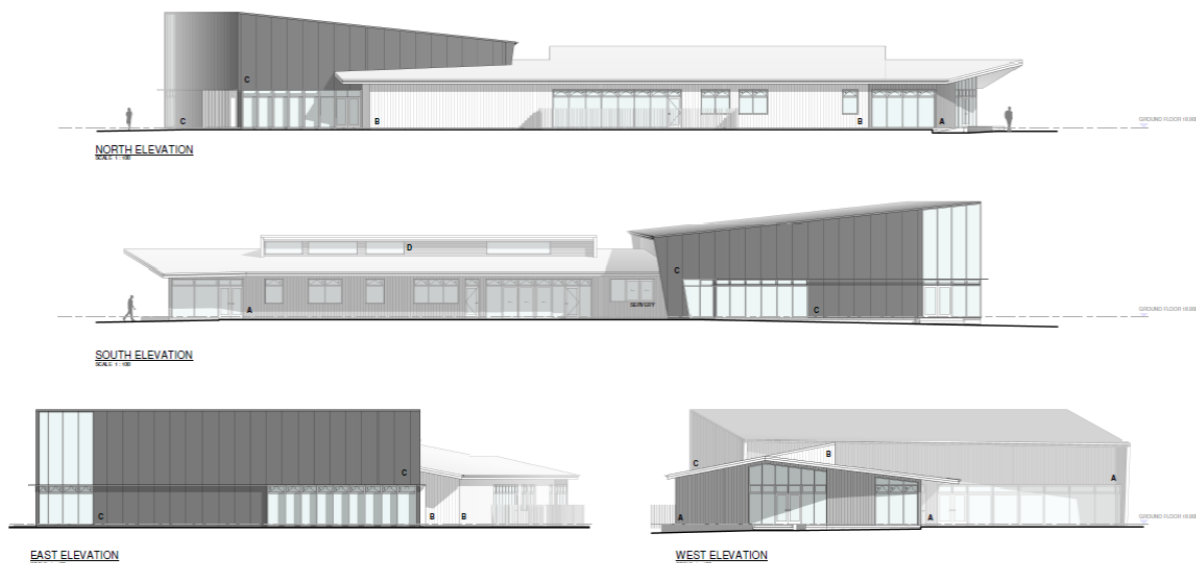
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Development of the Year 5 - 8 Senior Campus

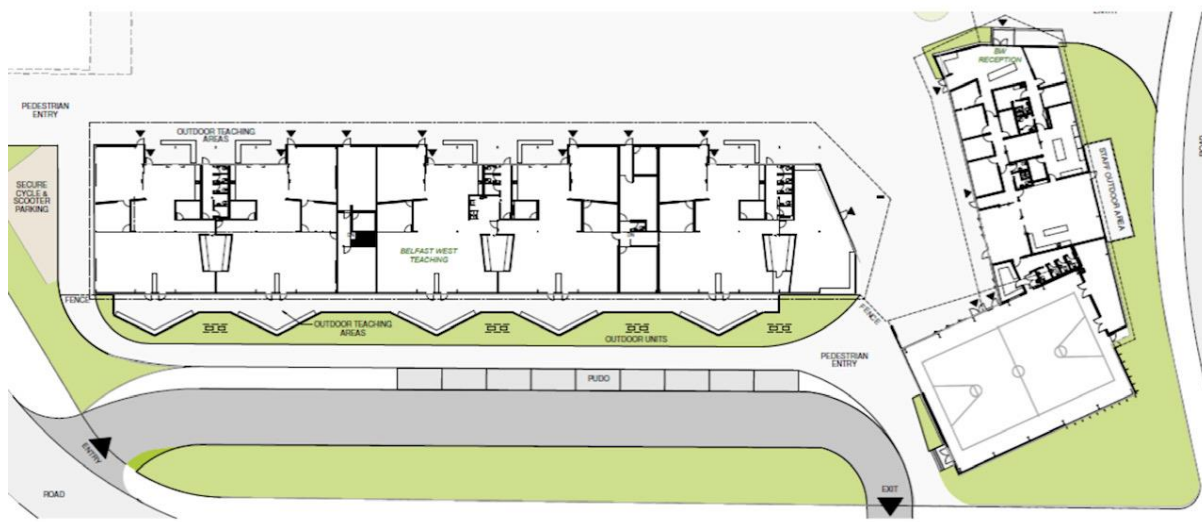
Now that our preliminary designs have been agreed, we are moving to the next stage of the design process. This will provide more detail to eventually enable the contractor to build our new campus, and we expect these designs to be completed by June 2022.

While this design work is taking place, from May there will be some construction activity at the new campus when the site clearance and preparation for the installation of foundations will begin.

External Elevations at Preliminary Design - Office, Library and Hall



Internal configurations of Buildings at Preliminary Design





We expect construction to commence in August this year for completion in June 2023. This timeline may be affected by ongoing issues associated with the pandemic, the high global demand for construction materials, and contingent on receiving building consent. We will keep you updated if there are any changes.

Many of you will have noticed the Belfast Village development progress, and in particular the construction of the supermarket adjacent to our new campus taking shape. This is a very exciting time for our community.

We will keep you updated as planning proceeds with both projects.

John Parsons Cyber Safety Education

Earlier in the term we brought in John Parsons to work with our children, staff and parents. We hope that John's work generated some discussions at home around how to be safe in online communities. John is an entertaining presenter with simple, clear messages for young people and their parents. While often we hear people compare the cyber world to the "real world", John does not make this distinction. His view is that the cyber environment is part of the real world and is something both children and adults should learn to be safe in.

John shared his traffic light for movies and video game classifications. Video games with Red classifications have content that is unsuitable for young people. Passive viewing of games with Red classifications (children watching adults play) is harmful to children's brain development as they are too young to process what they are seeing.

John has the following advice:

Parents/guardians need to familiarise themselves with the game the child wants to play before the child enters the game; alternatively sit alongside the child and experience the game with them.

Questions to ask:

- Are the games age appropriate?
- Is the quality of the language used in the games suitable for a child?
- How does the game make money out of a child's use?
- What processes are available to adults, should they need to make a complaint about a user?



John has provided links to videos parents can watch for further information. We will share more of John's videos through our Facebook and website pages soon.

CHILDREN & ONLINE GAMES - A NOSY PARENT IS A LOVING PARENT CHILDREN & ONLINE GAMES - A NOSY PARENT IS A LOVING PARENT <https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/653756001863893/>
BEDROOM, BATHROOM, PAJAMAS <https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/1112030665810052/>



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Rangitahi - Student Leaders for 2022:

Our 2022 Student Leaders are now proudly displayed on the billboard beside our Main North Road entrance. These young people have been chosen for their leadership abilities and as role models of our four school values – CARE, SHARE, LEARN and GROW.

Some of the roles our student leaders take are currently on hold eg. leading assemblies, hui, and House events, visiting classes and representing Belfast School in the community. We hope that once we have passed through these current challenging times they will get the opportunity to show us their skills.



Congratulations to:

Andre Hall in Room 14 who has been selected into the New Zealand 360 Development Gymnastics Squad. The 360 Squad is the National Mens Artistic Gymnastics programme designed to identify talented and promising competitive athletes, and coach them into the performance pathway for national and international representation. Gymnasts trial from all over NZ annually for a place in the squad (approx. 20-30 are chosen across all ages/levels). They will have trainings together across the year in addition to their normal home gym training programme. This is to build a bond/familiarity between the boys across NZ. High level coaches are recruited to work with these boys. It is an honour to be selected for the squad and highly sought after amongst the boys. The name 360 refers to a team score of 360 that would guarantee a teams selection to the Olympics - always the ultimate goal. Wow this is an amazing effort Andre!

Mana Ake Support:



We welcome **Jaz Lotz** as our Belfast School Liaison Kaimahi from Mana Ake.

Jaz will take over the mahi from Paige who has moved to another cluster. We will continue to run the 'drop in' sessions for parents and whanau. These can be set up by either contacting the class teacher or Jo Johnstone, Deputy Principal, so that a meeting time can be arranged. Mana Ake provides a range of support for our tamariki to meet their social and emotional needs.

To find out more you can visit their website <https://manaake.health.nz>

Reminder - PB4L Uniform Free Day:

Children are welcome to wear **GREEN** clothing this **Thursday, 17 March** and we would ask them to donate a gold coin to support the purchase of rewards and incentives for our PB4L programme.

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.



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Thanks to all our parents / caregivers and whanau for supporting our school programmes and ensuring children are at school on time, ready for learning. It all contributes to our children being able to achieve their best.

Nga mihi nui. Noho ora mai.

Sue Elley

Tumuaki - Principal

Sheldon Park Swimming Pool will be closing on Friday, 25 March!

It has been a great swimming season and our children have enjoyed all of their lessons. Please return your 'swipe' key to the Office between 8.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. to receive the \$20.00 deposit refund. To receive this refund, the 'swipe' key will need to be returned by **Thursday, 31 March 2022**.

Community Dental Service Suspended:

Community Dental Service is suspending some of its services from 5pm Wednesday, 9th March 2022 to provide support to the Canterbury health sector in response to Omicron.

We will continue to provide relief of pain clinics by appointment only from Thursday, 10th March. 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.

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.

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

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

Belfast Junior Rugby:



**JUNIOR SEASON
U/6-U/18 REGISTRATION
COMMUNITY SPIRIT!**

**BE PART OF THE MIGHTY
BELFAST
COBRAS
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

JOIN NOW!

SUN MARCH 27 • 10AM-12PM

**BELFAST CLUB ROOMS: 18 MARCH PLACE, BELFAST,
OR REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.BELFASTRUGBY.CO.NZ**

Lions Club Magic Show:

We realise so many people missed out on seeing our Lions Club Magic Show and would appreciate sharing a fun evening with their family.

So we're sharing a copy of our Christchurch South Lions Club Magic Show so everyone can watch at their leisure.

Christchurch South Lions Club Magic Show Link
<https://vimeo.com/656138058/fcbe0e40a7>

Enjoy with our compliments, the Christchurch South Lions Club.



Community Notices

St John Youth Programme:

St John Youth is a vibrant leadership programme that focuses on the development and success of young people. Come along to St John Youth where you gain valuable skills in first aid, communication, drill and more.



Tuesday's during term time. 7.00-8.30 p.m. (Cadets 8-18 years old)

St Lukes Church Hall, 2 Daniels Road, Redwood, Christchurch

Email: youth.southisland@stjohn.org.nz

Web: www.youthstjohn.org.nz



What Now is Back for 2022!

Exciting news - **What Now** is BACK for 2022 with our **first episode on Sunday 6th March**. We have a new time slot of **8:30 to 9:30am** this year but it's still all going down with *Stella* and *Erin* EVERY Sunday, **TVNZ 2**.

With a whopping 40 episodes over the year, we get 40 whole hours to showcase some awesome tamariki on our screens. Each Sunday morning is packed full of fun and we want to share it with as many friends and whānau as possible - **so this is where you come in!**

We are looking for some young folk to come into the studio, play some games, show off their talents, WIN some prizes and just have the best Sunday morning of their lives!

If your child is keen to apply, please complete the form on our website (whatnow.tv), so that if we have opportunities on the show - we know how to get in touch with them! You could even make a video showing us why you would be great on TV!

Please note that entering does not guarantee a spot on the show, but we will be in touch if there are any opportunities! Ask a parent or guardian before entering.



Community Notices

Merlins Netball Club:

JOIN US AT...

MERLINS NETBALL CLUB

Are you looking for a club that is passionate about netball and makes sure that everyone is included?

If you have a child aged 9 to 17 or are 18+

- register with us today!

www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/190625

MERLINSNETBALLCLUB@GMAIL.COM



Community Notices

Parenting Course:

Next Chapter Parenting is offering the **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT** parenting course.

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result?

Topics Covered:

Communication, Choices/consequences, Compliance, Empathy, Sibling Rivalry, Teenagers and Boundaries, Setting Limits, Pause, Time In, Are you doing too much, Personality Types, Praise vs Encouragement, Quality Time.

Ideal for groups, individuals or a bunch of friends. Via Zoom.

f: NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz

E: brigid@nextchapterparenting.co.nz

M: 0221087214

WINZ assistance where applicable.

Envirokids Update – March Events:

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Envirokids Global Recycling Day

Anytime from
10am - 3pm

Kiosk in the Botanic Gardens



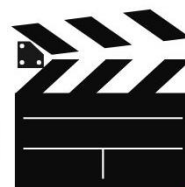
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Envirokids "2040" Movie Screening in the Kiosk

Anytime from
10am - 3pm

Kiosk in the Botanic Gardens





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Speech & Drama Classes:



GIANT LEAPS
SPEECH + DRAMA

Enrol now for 2022
New BURNSIDE Location!

Speech
NEW ZEALAND

TRINITY
COLLEGE LONDON

0800 4 SPEECH WWW.GIANTLEAPS.NZ

The Craft Room – Kids Birthday Parties:



THE CRAFT ROOM, 2B TRAFFORD STREET, HAREWOOD
PARTIES FROM \$25 PER CHILD

UP TO 15 CHILDREN

WALK IN/WALK OUT – NO CLEAN UP

CONTACT US AT thecraftroomchch@gmail.com or check out the

Website: www.thecraftroom.nz

