



# Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 3 March 2021

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## Principal:

Sue Elley

## Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Caroline Elkington

## Dates of Interest:

Y5-8 Swimming Sports on  
Thurs. 04/03 at 12.15

Y7/8 Camp at Hanmer  
Springs, Wed 10, Thurs 11,  
Fri 12/03

Juniors Triathlon on Thurs.  
11/03 at 1.45

Y5-8 North Zone Swimming  
comp. at Jellie Park on  
Tues. 16/03 at 9.45

## Welcome to our new Pupils:

Riley Bugden, Joshua Bugden, Luca Dredge, Teu Talie, Qolo Talie, Suli Talie, Mae Quileste, Abbas Taqizada, Sebastian Schwass, Sam Jeffery, Ryder Walters, Shakyla Fox, Ziggy Liu, Oscar Batenburg, Janna Smith, Jack Douglas-Griffin, Poppy Douglas-Griffin, James Johnston, Helena Cordobilha Berriel, Kera Ray-Paku, Blake Johnson, Harper Wilcock, Dominic Oliver, Lillian Rampling, Holly Elkington, Lily Anderton, Axel Anderton, and Harley Marsh.



## Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

Tena koutou katoa. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. As-salamu alaykum. Hola. Talofa. Kon'nichiwa. Kamusta. Nǐ hǎu. Namastee. Magandang hapon.

We have enjoyed a very positive beginning to our year despite the interruptions caused by the Alert Level changes. Junior classes have adapted well to the temporary changes to their class locations, with the unexpected bonus of being able to enjoy the newly developed gardens right outside their doors. Seeing parents / caregivers relaxing and chatting in the garden area has encouraged us to think about developing more of these spaces around the school as part of our building redevelopment. The construction work on the junior building is progressing as expected and has had very little impact on our usual day-to-day operations.

## Building Programme

We are very excited to have begun the design process for our building programme, which involves refurbishment of our current site and building our second site in the housing development alongside Johns Road. The first phase of the design process is Master Planning. This involves deciding where buildings will be placed on the two locations, and the layout of the sites to allow for expansion as the population grows. Leighs Construction Limited, architects from WSP New Zealand, and landscape architects from Glasson Huxtable are leading the design process in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, our Mana Whenua Facilitator from Ngai Tahu and Belfast School Board of Trustees and Staff.

Our building project is a little more complex than other schools as it involves two sites; however, it is the uniqueness of the project that makes it more exciting. We will keep you informed on progress. Later in the year when the more detailed design of the buildings and landscape takes place, there will be opportunities for consultation with the community.



**Some fabulous Junior Writers** sharing their stories with our Deputy Principals, Jo Johnstone and Kris Barrow.



**The Physical Activity Leaders (PALS) team** on their training day at Roydvale School with Miss Rogers.



## Swimming Instructors

Our free swimming lessons with the City Council instructors have been a huge success for the children in Years 3-6. Children have benefitted from the small group instruction and have made significant progress in learning new skills or developing their swimming expertise. The investment of \$11,000 has been very worthwhile, especially for those children who have mastered the first steps of learning to float and the basics of freestyle. We are looking forward to seeing the students in Years 5-8 demonstrating what they have learnt in their swimming sports. We were impressed with the swim instructors who spent full days working in the pool with the children. We plan to work with the City Council again in 2022 to provide a similar opportunity for classes.

## Lions Club

If you have been able to enjoy our expanded gardens, or see photos of the gardens on our website or Facebook page, you will know that this has been due to the generosity of the Papanui-Waimairi Lions Club. All materials were provided free to the school and the Lions Club members, along with staff and a small number of people from our community worked together to construct the new planter boxes, seating and irrigation. This project is an example of the type of work Lions Clubs do in the community. Lions are looking to set up a local Belfast Club and information is contained later in this newsletter about how you can become part of this. A local club would be a huge advantage for the Belfast community, especially for our school and other education centres in the area, which would benefit from further projects.

## Vandalism around the school grounds

Sadly, there have been on-going incidents of vandalism occurring around our school grounds, in the swimming pool and affecting property belonging to the Belfast Community Network over the past few months. This is disappointing and frustrating for us all, especially as it seems to be involving local youth. We have been grateful to members of our community who have tidied up after incidents or contacted us with information. We want our community to enjoy the facilities in our grounds and the wonderful spaces we are surrounded by. If you see behaviour that is unacceptable, and damaging to our environment and property, we encourage you to contact the Police, who have the resources and expertise to deal with these situations.



## Alert Level changes

Thank you for supporting us in meeting the public health requirements associated with changes in alert levels. We have been impressed at the continuing resilience of our children and their ability to be independent in arriving at school, and getting themselves organised. We have endeavoured to go ahead with as many events as possible to reduce disruptions and we thank you for understanding that this means parents / caregivers cannot often not participate. The reality is that these changes will continue for some time until the vaccination programme has been rolled out across the country and we can return to a more normal way of living and working. In the meantime we can all do our part by following the guidelines for staying healthy and safe. Stay home if you are sick, keep scanning to track your movements and wash your hands.

If the uncertainty we are dealing with is causing challenges for you and your whānau there are supports available through a number of community agencies. You can find information through [Unite against COVID-19](#)

This week we have officially moved into Autumn. The weather will become more variable meaning children are more likely to be bringing sweatshirts and jackets to school, although only needing them for part of the day. Please can you check your child's clothing is named clearly as this is the time of the year we see an increase in lost property.

## 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.

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.

**Lost Property:** Is now located in the corridor beside the Library.

## Sheldon Park Swimming Pool will be **closing on Friday, 19 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 Wednesday, 31 March 2021.

Ngā mihi nui

**Sue Elley**

**Principal - Tumuaki**

## Our Facebook Page:

Search for **Belfast School**

## Our School Website:

[www.belfast.school.nz](http://www.belfast.school.nz)





## Fonterra Milk for Schools

Our school is a participant in the **Fonterra Milk for Schools** programme. This programme has recently changed and is now providing a **Breakfast Club** rather than the individual milk cartons as they have in the past. This means that the children are no longer receiving the milk daily.



The new **Kickstart Breakfast** now offers Weetbix and Milk and is in conjunction with Fonterra, Sanitarium and the Ministry of Social Development.

Due to the logistics of setting up this Breakfast Club programme, we are planning to trial it with the children in the Upper Middle Syndicate. The Breakfast Club will run between Rooms 14 and 15, Rooms 16 and 17 and Room 18 will have their own Club. The Breakfast Club is an optional programme and the aim is to supplement the children's breakfast. We strongly encourage children to continue eating breakfast prior to coming to school.

Participation in the programme is voluntary for both our school and students. If you would like more information about the programme, please visit [www.kickstartbreakfast.co.nz](http://www.kickstartbreakfast.co.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.

**Sun Hats:** All children must wear a sun hat when outside during Terms 1 and 4. It is not only highly recommended by the NZ Cancer Society, it is a school rule. Can you please ensure your child has the correct school sun hat at school every day.

### Children turning 5 years of age!

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and October 2021** 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)

### 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.
- You can also order online with Little Lunches for Thursday deliveries. Visit [www.littlelunches.co.nz](http://www.littlelunches.co.nz)





## Proposed formation of a Lions Club in Belfast/Northwood:



There has been interest expressed in the in Belfast/Northwood area in forming a Belfast/Northwood Lions Club to carry out community type projects and/or community assistance. We understand that you support this initiative. Therefore, the Lions Membership Team have scheduled an information meeting to which you are personally invited to attend on the **8<sup>th</sup> March 2021** at the Belfast Community Network Room. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

Our Team will present information on the benefits of establishing a Lions Club in Belfast area. There are various options on 'Set up' structures, however before this can occur, we need interested community minded citizens to attend and debate if the Belfast/Northwood community are willing to support this initiative. Any formation of a Lions Club must be the sole decision of you the residents.

The recent Belfast School Garden Project demonstrated how 'Lions' can enhance your community. This project with the support of many local Businesses, residents and Canterbury Lions Clubs working together through to a successful outcome.

Many community projects which meet the Lions criteria can be eligible for funding grants and assistance from within the Lions organisation.

We would encourage you to canvas your friends or interested parties and bring them to the meeting to listen to what the Lions have to offer the Belfast/Northwood area. We look forward to catching up with you on the **8<sup>th</sup> March**. **For further detail please contact John Benefield 0272276075.**





# Community Notices

## Belfast Netball Club:

Registrations for the 2021 season are now open. Please register online at [www.belfastnetball.co.nz](http://www.belfastnetball.co.nz)  
Trials and practices are held at our courts in Sheldon Park, Belfast.

### Trial Dates for Grades (age taken as at 1st January)

Under 12 & Under 13 - Thursday 11th March 4pm - 6pm &  
Sunday 14th March - 10am to 12pm  
All Grades please register online by 7th March 2021.



### Trial Dates for Future Ferns

No trials required. Please ensure you **register by 7th March 2021** and players will be assigned to a team.

For any further inquiries please contact our club secretary by email at [belfastnetballchch@gmail.com](mailto:belfastnetballchch@gmail.com)

## FREE Parenting Webinars:

MHERC (Mental Health Education & Resource Centre) are running free parenting seminars around various topics. Parents need to sign up through the links below. These are all run via zoom and spaces are limited so it is recommended to sign up quickly if you are interested

**Supporting anxious children** 17th and 24th of February and 9th of March

<https://mherc.arlo.co/w/events/538-supporting-anxious-children/1353>

**The importance of frustrating your kids**- 3rd of March 7.30-9.30

<https://mherc.arlo.co/w/events/539-the-importance-of-frustrating-your-kids/1356>

**Building resilience in children and teens**- 17th March, 31st March

<https://mherc.arlo.co/w/events/539-the-importance-of-frustrating-your-kids/1356>

## CANCELLED - Children's Day, Sunday 7 March

## St John Youth Recruitment:

Based in Redwood, the Youth programme 8-17 years old, focuses on teaching young people first aid, health care, leadership, communication and life skills - with fantastic opportunities to experience new things and of course have fun!



**St John**  
Here for Life

**Tuesdays during Term time** : 7.00-8.30 p.m. (Cadets 8-17) at St Lukes Church Hall, 2 Daniels Road, Redwood, Christchurch.

For more information, contact: Liz Taylor at [liz.taylor@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:liz.taylor@stjohn.org.nz) or visit [www.youth.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.youth.stjohn.org.nz)



## Community Notices



Clarkville School

# GALA

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
4PM-7PM *Rain or shine!*

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free entry KIDS SIDESHOWS  
RAFFLES plants and produce  
— WHITE ELEPHANT —  
yummy food PETTING ZOO  
BOUNCY CASTLES music

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FACEBOOK: CLARKVILLEGALA | PARKING AVAILABLE FOR A GOLD COIN



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## Pulse Taekwon-Do:

Learn Taekwon-do : Self-defence : Physical fitness : Self-control

Taekwon-do is a Korean martial art meaning literally, "the art of the hand and foot".

Pulse Taekwon-do is a family-oriented club with a strong focus on self-defence.



**All ages welcome. FREE trial lessons available.**

Visit our website: [www.pulsetdk.co.nz](http://www.pulsetdk.co.nz)

Email your inquiries to: [info@pulsetkd.co.nz](mailto:info@pulsetkd.co.nz)

## Kelly Sports – Summer Sports:

**A weekly multi-sport programme that will provide an essential base for children's motor skills and help build confidence and coordination! Is available at Belfast School on Mondays, starting at 3.00 p.m.**

**Book online at:** [www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-north-central](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-north-central)

## Selwyn House (2021):

**Open Day - 3 May and 20 October:** Selwyn House School is a leading girls' school for Years 1-8, with boarding options available. We provide exceptional educational opportunities for girls, in a stimulating and nurturing environment. Our focus is on developing globally-minded leaders learners and leaders who will become confident and capable women. If you would like to RSVP to an Open Day or schedule a personal tour on a different day, please contact Leanne Glasson, [l.glasson@selhouse.school.nz](mailto:l.glasson@selhouse.school.nz)

**Senior School (Years 7 & 8):** In Years 7 & 8 every girl is encouraged to learn and thrive in new ways, to try different things, and to be resilient. The Senior School programme is carefully crafted to ensure that each girl is exposed to a rigorous spectrum of intellectually engaging experiences and challenges. After completing the Senior School programme, she will be fully prepared for the next step in her academic career, well equipped with valuable life and social skills and ready to face any challenge with confidence. We will be hosting a Senior Showcase evening on Wednesday 12 May and ask that families RSVP to this event. To learn more about our Years 7 & 8 Curriculum or about the Senior Showcase, please contact Leanne Glasson [l.glasson@selhouse.school.nz](mailto:l.glasson@selhouse.school.nz)

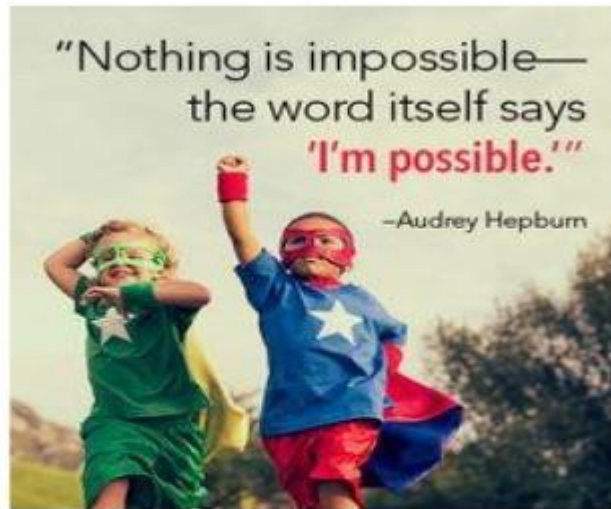
**Scholarships at Selwyn House School:** Girls starting Year 6 or 7 during the 2022 school year are eligible to apply for the following scholarships: Academic; All Rounder; Boarding; Music; Performing Arts; Sports. Girls starting Year 5 during the 2022 school year are eligible to apply for: Academic. The Scholarship Application Deadline 14 May, 4pm. For more information on scholarships and to download an application please visit <https://selwynhouse.school.nz/scholarships/>





# Community Notices

## Helen O'Grady Drama:



### **DO YOU WANT your Child to:**

- ✓ Grow in Confidence
- ✓ Increase their Self Esteem
- ✓ Develop Speech and Language skills
- ✓ Express themselves Creatively
- ✓ Have Fun and Make Friends
- ✓ Be Part of a Team

**Your Child** can achieve all this and more

**CALL : 0800 161-131**

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Email: [enquiries@helenogrady.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@helenogrady.co.nz)

Web: [www.helenogrady.co.nz](http://www.helenogrady.co.nz)

Making a Positive Difference to Children's Lives



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## Redwood Kea Group:



Redwood – St Joseph's Kea Scout Group. We meet every Thursday at 20 Sturrocks Road, in the Redwood Scout Den, next to the park from 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm. Keas is open to all youth aged between 5 – 8 years. Fun and friendship are the cornerstones of the Kea programme.

Keas engage in both active and quiet games, stories, creative crafts, play-acting and singing. We provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to have fun and develop their creativity. You will:

- Have lots of fun and go on awesome adventures
- Play heaps of games and make lots of friends
- Learn the Kea Promise and Motto
- Learn to sing the Kea Song and Kea Yell
- Take part in National Events such as Kea Day, Founder's Day, Mudslide Day and Camporee.

For more information, please email our Kea Leader Rebecca [redwoodkeas@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodkeas@gmail.com)  
I share, I care, I discover, I grow. Te Kī Taurangi Kea (Our Kea Promise).

## Anna Lee School of Dance:



### Inspire your child's life with dance at Anna Lee School of Dance

Does your child love to dance? Enrol now for classes in a fun and supportive environment with caring, passionate and experienced teachers. Dance classes are tailored for pre-schoolers through to advanced students and all levels of commitment.

ALSD offers classes in ballet, jazz, hip hop and contemporary and prides itself in providing a very high standard of technical teaching and numerous performance opportunities. Classes are available near you in Papanui with enrolments being taken now! Classes also available in Halswell, Selwyn, Sumner & Ferrymead. Phone 354 6228 or email [office@annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz](mailto:office@annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz)

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



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## Red Puppy Appeal – Can you help?:

My name is Vinnie! I am embarking on my journey to become a qualified guide dog, and look forward to proudly wearing my red coat – and I would love your help!

Red Puppy Appeal street collection is coming up on **Friday 26 and/or Saturday 27 March**, can you spare a couple of hours to collect in your community?



**Register to collect today**

## Coding Lessons Information 2021:

In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create technology not just consume it. Coding NZ's lessons empower students with the tools they need and help give students the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Extend your child's awareness and horizons. Free trial lessons available now at [codingnz.com/signup](https://codingnz.com/signup)

AGES 9 TO 18

**CODING  
LESSONS**



**CODINGNZ**

### Coding NZ Lessons

- Learn coding languages to create technology.
- An expert tutor is online to help during lessons.
- 1 hour per week at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm weekdays.
- Try a free trial lesson at [codingnz.com](https://codingnz.com)





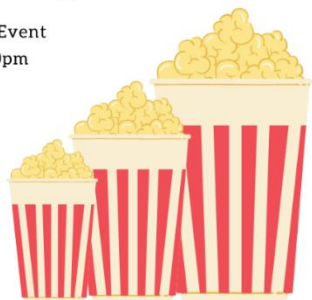
# Community Notices

## THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS Community Groups 2021

THE SALVATION ARMY  
CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS

### Family Movie Night

Snacks Provided, Free Event  
Saturday 4:00pm - 5:30pm  
March 6th, 2021  
April 3rd, 2021  
May 8th, 2021



THE SALVATION ARMY  
CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS

### Family Church Service & Community Meal

Sunday 10:00am - 11:30am  
March 7th, 2021  
April 4th, 2021  
May 9th, 2021  
Lunch Provided, Free Event



CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS

### Ka Pai Kidz - Kids Group

Friday 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
For 5 - 11-Year-Olds  
Supper Provided  
March 5th, 2021  
April 2nd, 2021  
May 7th, 2021



THE SALVATION ARMY  
CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS

### Community Ministries Foodbank

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
By Appointment  
Book at the Office  
03 323 8257



THE SALVATION ARMY  
CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS

### Financial Mentoring

Monday & Wednesday  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
By Appointment  
Book at the Office  
03 323 8257



THE SALVATION ARMY  
CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS

### Whakahoahoa - Woman's Group

First Wednesday of the Month  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Afternoon Tea Provided  
March 3rd, 2021  
April 7th, 2021  
May 5th, 2021



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CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS

### Manawanui - Men's Group

Third Wednesday of the Month  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
BBQ Provided  
March 17th, 2021  
April 21st, 2021  
May 19th, 2021



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### Community Garden

First & Third Wednesday of the Month  
9:30am - 11:00am  
Morning Team Provided



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### Community Cuppa

Second Wednesday of the Month  
10:30am - 11:30am  
March 10th, 2021  
April 14th, 2021  
May 12th, 2021  
Morning Tea Provided



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### Community Colouring

Fourth Wednesday of the Month  
10:30am - 11:30am  
March 24th, 2021  
April 28th, 2021  
May 26th, 2021



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### Community Bread

Donated From New World  
Monday & Wednesday  
From 10.30am



THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTCHURCH NORTH CORPS  
792 MAIN NORTH ROAD, BELFAST, CHRISTCHURCH  
CALL: 03 323 8257, TEXT 022 109 2294





# Community Notices

## Mega Mates Social Skills Holiday Programme:

**Mega Mates Social Skills Programme is coming to Christchurch!!!**

For 5 to 7 year olds

April School Holidays 2021  
3 mornings  
9am to 12 midday

Limited numbers for a small focused group

Led by an experienced Speech Language Therapist - Ellie Bloxham

\$60 + GST per child, per day - early bird special -  
book before 19th March to get a 10% discount

**Don't miss out!**  
Book now by calling 027 777 4688  
or email us at [admin@shout-speech.co.nz](mailto:admin@shout-speech.co.nz)

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**Reading the Social Scene**  
**Wednesday 28th April**  
Understanding and interpreting body language and facial features

**Conversation Skills**  
**Thursday 29th April**  
Starting and maintaining a conversation

**Learning about emotions**  
**Friday 30th April**  
Identifying and labeling emotions

## McDonald's Duathlon - 11 April 2021:

The McDonald's Youth Duathlon is organised by the Garden City Rotary Christchurch, to promote the development of healthy young people. Funds raised support youth projects throughout the community.

This run and cycle event is held at South Hagley Park from beside the Netball Centre, for individuals aged 7 to 15 years, with the emphasis more on participation than competition.

**Entry Fee \$20**

**Late Entries \$30 (After Friday 19th March 2021) (+\$2 online payment fee)**

**Online Entry From**

### DISTANCES

**7 to 10 year olds:**

Run 1km – Cycle 4km – Run 500m

**11 to 15 year olds:**

Run 2km – Cycle 8km – Run 1km

### CERTIFICATES, MEDALS, GIFT PACKS & PRIZES

Each registered entrant who takes part on the day receives a Certificate of Completion together with a Competition Medal, Gift Pack of sponsors' products and a competition T-shirt.



In the spirit of participation, prizes are not provided for place getters, but Lucky Spot winners are drawn for 2 Specialised mountain bikes and helmets.