



# Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 16 June 2021

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or text 027 6364254

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## Principal:

Sue Elley

## Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Caroline Elkington

## Dates of Interest:

Thurs. 17/06 - Colour Dress  
Up Day

Wed. 23/06 - Canterbury  
Central Cross Country at  
Halswell Quarry 9.00

Wed. 23/06 - School  
finishing at 2.00. Ako  
Conferences start at 2.15

Thurs. 24/06 - Ako  
Conferences start at 3.15

## Welcome to our new Pupils:

Caitlyn MacDonald, Manu Moule, CJ Boyles, Jyrah Coates, Nicole Benade, Hunter Drury, Max Drury, Darcy Chaw, Katana Johnson, and Amara Seelen.



## Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā tātou i raro i te maru o Ngāi Tahu. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. As-salamu alaykum. Hola. Talofa. Kon'nichiwa. Kamusta. Nǐ hǎu. Namastee. Magandang hapon.

Ngā mihi mahana kia koutou - warm greetings to you all.

It really feels like winter now with darker mornings and evenings, and consistently cold days. I think we all notice the impact of less sun and needing to be inside more. We have done really well without the hall for assemblies and this week, for the first time, we needed to postpone assembly due to the weather. We are monitoring the forecast and hoping to reschedule assembly next week. We have awards to present to children, Awhi certificates and badges, Blues Awards and Upstander certificates, to acknowledge their success and achievements. We like to do this at assemblies so children, parents and staff across the school can be part of congratulating our positive roles models. Upstander certificates are awarded to children who have shown leadership in situations where things have gone wrong, and step up to support and assist others.

## Buildings:

The remediation work to the Junior block is nearing completion. The scaffolding will come down in a couple of weeks and the final painting work will be finished off. The building inspection, cleaning and consent process is due to be completed by the last week of term. By the beginning of Term 3 the Juniors will be relocated back to Rooms 1-7.

The Master planning phase for the new site, (Senior Campus) has progressed and is nearing completion. Master planning involves the design of where buildings will be located on the site, which parts of the site will be allocated to playing areas, car parking, pedestrian access, and where additional buildings will be placed as the roll grows. Master planning for the Senior Campus includes the location of Allenvale School and their amenities areas. Once the Ministry of Education has approved the architects design we will be able to share the final plan with the community. The Master Planning phase for our current site (eventually the Junior Campus) is also progressing but is at an earlier stage than the Senior Campus.



## Ako Conferences - for Parents/Caregivers, Students and Teachers:

These conferences will take place on Wednesday 23 June, 2:15-5:30pm and Thursday 24 June, 3:15-7:30pm. The Board of Trustees has approved **school finishing at the earlier time of 2:00pm on Wednesday, 23 June** to allow the Ako Conferences to begin at 2:15pm.

These student, parent / caregiver and teacher conferences are an opportunity to talk about your child's progress and their learning focus for the next stage of the year. The mid-year report you will receive this week is part of the process as it will provide information about the level your child is currently working at. Discussions with your child's teacher will help clarify what their strengths are, and the areas they need more practice and support with. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to participate in supporting your child's learning and development. We look forward to seeing you here next week.

**Reminder - Whole School Finishing at Earlier Time of 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 June.** This is to allow the Ako Conferences to commence at 2.15 p.m.

**Reminder** that bookings will close at **12 noon on Tuesday, 22 June**. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the school code **rkh4q** and click on go. If you are unable to book online please collect a form from the School Office.

## Zones of Regulation:

Over the year teaching staff have continued to learn about, and implement the Zones of Regulation with classes. The purpose of teaching the Zones is to help children learn to self-regulate. Self-regulation is defined as having the ability to manage emotions (often disruptive emotions) and impulsive behaviour. Being able to think before reacting requires skills that children, and adults, need to develop so that they can participate in learning and maintaining relationships. We are seeing positive outcomes from this work. Children are beginning to use their words to describe their emotions, and making choices about ways to modify their behaviour.

This link [What do the Zones of Regulation Look Like?](#) gives you a simple overview of the four zones and the behaviour we either experience, or see in others when self-regulation is a challenge. The important message we give is that there is no wrong zone – everyone experiences a full range of emotions at different times. How you manage yourself in each of the zones is what is important. Ask your children to tell you about the zones or watch this video with them and talk about their understanding.

## Gymnastics:

Mrs Rebekah Inwood has been training the gymnastics team who are competing at Christchurch School of Gymnastics on today. We have 30 children who have been training hard with Rebekah and will be competing at different levels. Rebekah is passionate about gymnastics and voluntarily takes the Gym Club outside of her teaching hours, providing a great opportunity for children who have interests in this sport.

## Winter Sport:

**Congratulations to:** Mayci, Luna, Tama, Olivia, Caitlin, Emma-Lewis, Amani, Isabella, Bill and Coopah W. who will be representing Belfast School at the Canterbury Cross Country Championships next week. We wish you all the very best!



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We have over 100 children participating in various winter sports on Friday afternoons as part of the North Canterbury Winter Sports Tournament. We have been pleased with the way these children have demonstrated our values when representing our school. We expect the highest levels of behaviour in these events and are very proud of the children who are attending. We are grateful for all the parents who are supporting teams as coaches, helpers and spectators.



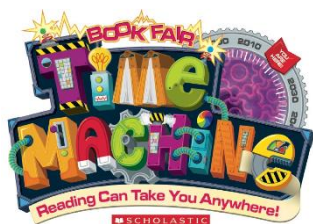
## **Paid Union Meetings for Teachers:**

Next week teachers will be attending Union Meetings to discuss the conditions of our collective agreements. New research has highlighted the challenges for teachers, and the teaching profession, and the negotiations for the next collective agreement will be focussed on changes that will improve schooling for all children. As we have an early close next Wednesday for our AKO conferences, to avoid having to close early on another day, we will be splitting classes so that staff can attend these union meetings at different times. Most staff will attend a morning or afternoon meeting on Tuesday, 22 June.

Nga mihi nui

**Sue Elley**  
Tumuaki - Principal

## **Advance Notice of Book Week and Scholastic Book Fair - Save the date!:**



Next term we are holding a Book Fair at school to coincide with Book Week from **9th-13th August**. All the proceeds from this event will go towards purchasing books for our school Library. Please encourage your child to start saving their pocket money so that they can purchase a book and support the school. The theme is 'Time Machine' and there will be lots of activities throughout the week based around this theme.



## **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.

## **Children turning 5 years of age!**

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



# Belfast School

## 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.
- Please note that **Little Lunches** are no longer taking orders and delivering to our school.



Please make sure children are to wearing the correct **winter school uniform** in Terms 2 and 3. Belfast School's school uniform items can be purchased at The Warehouse, Northwood.

## Public Health Nurse Information:

Hello, My name is Holly Cummings and I am the allocated Public Health Nurse for your school. I work within a team of Public Health Nurses. We are all Registered Nurses with knowledge and experience in child and family health. We work with children and families where health and wellbeing concerns impact on their home and school lives. Please contact me if you have any health concerns for your child.

My details are:

Phone: 3836877 ext 99628 or 027 284 3397

Email : [holly.cummings@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:holly.cummings@cdhb.health.nz)



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## Belfast School PTA - Fundraiser:

An order form was sent home with your child yesterday. Completed **Order forms** are to be returned to the School Office by **Friday, 25 June**.

**Please remember** to make payment for your order by bank transfer prior to returning the order form.

**3 Prizes available** for the child or teacher that places the largest order:

1<sup>st</sup> place will receive a \$100 Prezzy Card

2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive a \$70 Prezzy Card

3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive \$30 of Warehouse vouchers

We thank you for your support in this fundraising venture.

**Belfast PTA**  
Tote Bag Fundraiser  
\$15 Each

**\$3 per bag goes to Belfast School!!**

6 colours and designs to choose from

[www.facebook.com/Decalgalsnz](http://www.facebook.com/Decalgalsnz)


## Advance Notice:

The PTA will be holding a raffle during Book Week next term. It would be appreciated if each family could donate a household item e.g. body wash, nice soap, cleaning products, dish detergent, cleaning cloths, candle, diffuser, room spray etc. More information will be provided before the end of term.



# Community News

## Belfast Oscar School Holiday Programme - July:




Belfast Primary School

Sheldon Park

Main North Road

Find Us Here



**BOP**  
Belfast Oscar Programme  
**KIDS**

### Winter Holiday Programme

MONDAY 12TH – FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2021

8:00AM – 5:30PM  
\$42.00 PER SESSION  
(WINZ SUBSIDY AVAILABLE)

COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST  
BETWEEN 8:15AM – 8:45AM ONLY

FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME PLEASE  
CONTACT THE PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

OFFICE: 03 323 9731 MOBILE: 021 UR KIDS (875 437)  
EMAIL: OSCAR@BELFASTCOMMUNITYNETWORK.ORG.NZ  
OR DROP INTO OUR CENTRE ON SHELDON PARK

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### WEEK ONE



**MONDAY 12TH JULY  
SWIMMING @ QE2**

Don't forget your togs! Today we are off to QE2 for a swim!



**TUESDAY 13TH JULY  
TYE DYE SWIMBAGS/BAKING**

Wear your colourful clothes today! We will be making tye dye swim bags, and some yummy baking!



**WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY  
SPORTS AT GRAHAM CONDON**

Today we're off to Graham Condon for a sports day with the sports activators!



**THURSDAY 15TH JULY  
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS**

Today we are looking at different science experiments which will include grass heads to take home!



**FRIDAY 16TH JULY  
CHIPMUNKS PLAYGROUND**

Today we're off to chipmunks playground!

### WEEK TWO



**MONDAY 19TH JULY  
ANTARCTIC CENTRE**

Today we are off to the Antarctic centre, dress warm!



**TUESDAY 20TH JULY  
ST JOHN VISIT & CRAFT**

Today we will be having St John come visit us and crafts in the afternoon!



**WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY  
MINI GOLF IN RICCARTON**

Today we're off to play mini golf in Riccarton!



**THURSDAY 22ND JULY  
PYJAMA & MOVIE DAY**

Today we will be having a movie day along with craft and decorating cupcakes, come along in your pjs!



**FRIDAY 23RD JULY  
CANTERBURY MUSEUM**

Today we're visiting the Canterbury Museum to check out their new exhibitions for this winter!

**PLEASE BE HERE BEFORE 9.30AM  
ON OUTING DAYS TO ENSURE YOU  
DO NOT MISS THE BUS!  
BUS WILL RETURN BY 3PM**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:**

- Big healthy lunch (enough for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)
- Drink bottle
- Warm jacket
- Good walking shoes
- NO DEVICES!

PLEASE KEEP YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME  
STAFF WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IF THEY  
GET LOST OR BROKEN ON THE PROGRAMME



# Community News

## Movement Art Practice:



### Creative Kids Dance

An alternative to traditional studio classes, give your child the chance to explore their creative body with no uniforms or exams, just the joy of movement.

**When**

**Saturday**

5 - 7 yrs 9am - 9:45am

8- 10 yrs 10am - 10:45am

**Cost**

Casual Drop In \$15

Price Packages available

**Location**

MAP Studio,  
76 Hawdon Street,  
Sydenham, Christchurch

**Tutor**

Olivia O'Brien

**Bookings**

[movementartpractice.org](http://movementartpractice.org)





# Community News

## Act 2 Drama Group:



Proudly presents

## *The Little Mermaid*

A fun, witty family musical performance. Perfect for all ages

Directed by Kerri-Anne Barnes. Adapted by Josh Cairns

### Times:

Sunday 18th July 11.00am & 2.00pm

Monday 19th July - Friday 23rd July 6.30pm

(No show on Wednesday)

Saturday 24th July 11.00am & 2.00pm

### Venue:

Merivale Lane Theatre,  
Rangi Ruru Girls High School,  
10 Merivale Lane, Christchurch

### Tickets:

Book at: [act2drama.co.nz](http://act2drama.co.nz)  
Limited door sales may be available.  
\$10.00 PP or family concession  
\$40.00 (2 adults and 3 children or 1  
adult and 4 children)  
Children under 3 are free but will be  
required to sit on a  
parent/guardian's knee.

Eftpos available  
Refreshments available.



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## Kidsfest – Scorpio Books – Reading Challenge:



We're thrilled to tell you about a series of events we're running for young readers and writers during KidsFest this winter school holidays (July 10-25). There are lots of great prizes to be won, and much enthusiasm about reading to be shared.

### **Scorpio Books' Reading Challenge (no bookings required)**

This year our Reading Challenge is divided into four age categories (0-4, 5-8, 9-12 and 13+). The theme of this year's challenge is 'Explore Our World', and the focus is to encourage children to rate or review the books they read (depending on their age).

Reading Challenge forms are available on our website here:

<http://www.scorpiobooks.co.nz/Events>

or hardcopies are available in-store. Children who submit forms in-store during KidsFest will receive a goodie bag, including a \$10 Scorpio voucher AND go in the draw to win great prizes. (The two youngest age categories get one entry to the prize draw (their submission form). The two older categories get an entry in the prize draw for each review they submit.)

### **Scorpio KidsFest Events – bookings now open.**

#### **Scorpio Books **Preschool** Storytime (Ages 0 to 5)**

Theme: Our World

Monday 12 July, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Bookings Essential

#### **Scorpio Books Storytime (Ages 5 to 8)**

Theme: Our World

Tuesday 13 July, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Bookings Essential

#### **Scorpio Books' Young Writers' Workshops (Ages 13 to 17)**

Tuesday 20 July 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**AND**

Wednesday 21 July 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Bookings Essential



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## Craft School Holiday Programme:

The Craft Room is running a  
school holiday program

over the

July school holidays

9am to 4pm

Monday to Friday

The Craft Room Team  
will be entertaining your

child with fun craft  
activities each day

**Day Rate -\$50.00 per day**

**Week Rate - \$210.00**

**Only 10 spaces per day**

**Morning & Afternoon Tea Provided**

**Bring your own lunch**

Some fun for your kids over  
the holidays

We are here to make the  
holidays the best ever



If you are interested in your  
child attending the classes,  
please go to our website:

[www.thecraftroom.nz](http://www.thecraftroom.nz)

Or contact us by email:

[thecraftroomchch@gmail.com](mailto:thecraftroomchch@gmail.com)

You will receive a confirmation  
email and a health and safety  
form to fill out.

You will also need to pay before  
attending. Payment details will  
be on the form.





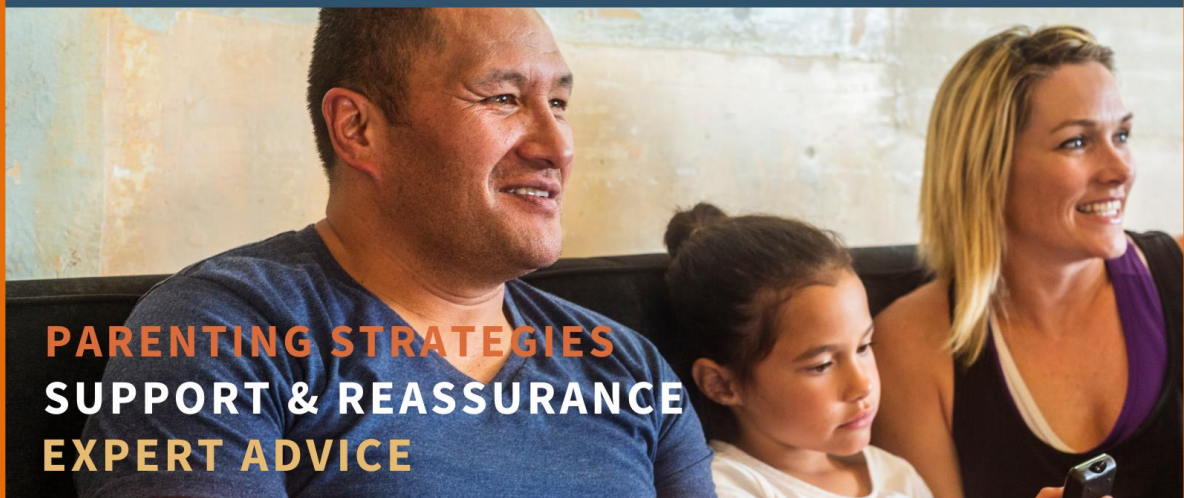
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## Support for Families Parenting Children with Disabilities or Health Impairments in North Canterbury:



**Grab a free coffee and chat with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodiverse child, or a child with health impairments.**

Parent to Parent hosts monthly Parent Support Groups in North Canterbury during the school term, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want. And did we mention there's free coffee??

### **Upcoming dates:**

Dates: Tue 25 May | Tue 22 June | Tue 24 Aug | Tue 21 Sep | Tue 19 Oct | Tue 23 Nov  
Time: 9:30am—11:30am Venue: The Office Café, Old School Collective, 1429 Main North Rd, Waikuku

**Feel free to just show up on the day!**

Or contact Jo for more info:

**Email:** [gtrcaterbury@parent2parent.org.nz](mailto:gtrcaterbury@parent2parent.org.nz)

**Cellphone:** 022 088 0327



# Community News

## Papanui High School Night Classes for Term 3, 2021:

**Papanui High School**  
Adult & Community Education

# Night Classes

**Special Effects Makeup, Beekeeping, Barista, Photography, Exercise, Stone Carving, Woodwork, Languages, ESOL English, Music, Art, Aromatherapy, Upholstery, Millinery, Dressmaking...**

- Term 3 begins 2 August 2021
- Weekly evening or weekend classes • Pricing from \$102

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

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