



# Belfast School Newsletter

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Tuesday, 14 September 2021

## Absences:

absences@belfast.school.nz  
or text 027 6364254

## Contact Details:

P: (03) 323 8849  
E: office@belfast.school.nz  
W: www.belfast.school.nz

700 Main North Road  
Belfast  
Christchurch 8051

## Principal:

Sue Elley

## Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Caroline Elkington

## Dates of Interest:

Tues. 21 Sept. School  
Photos

Thurs. 23 Sept. Prefects  
trip to Wellington

Fri. 24 Sept. Big Brothers /  
Big Sisters dress up day

Wed. 29 Sept. Senior pupils  
High Ropes trip at the  
Groynes

Fri. 1 Oct. last day of Term  
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Mon. 18 Oct. Term 4 begins

## Welcome to our new Pupils:

Levi Blakely, Ashton O'Reilly, Theo Garing, Timothy van der Berg,  
and Eric Zhou.



## 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.

We have all settled quickly back into school routines following the lock down. The children arrived full of energy and smiles on Thursday last week, really looking forward to meeting up with their teachers and friends. Thank you for all your support of our Alert Level 2 protocols. We have been impressed with the independence of the children in the mornings, and their ability to get themselves to the correct gate at the end of the day. Just a reminder please to maintain a distance between others at the school gates at the end of the day. The Junior Class teachers have a system that is working well, bringing children to the various gates. They ensure that all children meet up with their parent or caregiver as they leave.

The Ministry of Education has advised that indoor events and gatherings that bring large numbers of people together, create a higher risk for transmission of the virus and should be avoided. This includes school assemblies. Our school assemblies and syndicate hui can each involve up to 200 children at a time. The recommendation is that these types of gatherings be deferred until Alert Level 1. In addition to our usual assemblies, and syndicate hui we had planned a special Sports Assembly this term. We are thinking through some options for this, however as we can expect Alert Level 2 to continue at least for another week after this, we will most likely defer the Sport Assembly until the beginning of Term 4.

Room 21 holding  
their morning circle  
time outside to  
practice social  
distancing.





Thanks to all the families who have returned the school devices. Mr Barrow and his team have been hard at work getting these checked over, cleaned and returned to classrooms. The advantages of students owning their own Chromebooks are huge, especially during times like lockdown. Perhaps consider purchasing a Chromebook for your child for Christmas this year.

## Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

This week is Māori Language week. We have a number of activities planned that include competitions for the tamariki / children. One of the activities each day is for children to answer a set question. If they can answer it correctly, they will earn a red Awhi. Encourage your tamariki / children to ask the question at home to see if you know the answer.

## PTA Raffle and Winter Sport Uniforms

Returning to school means we have a few things to catch up on. If you haven't already returned the money and ticket sheets for the PTA Hamper Raffle, please send this in as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone who has already sent this in, we are just waiting for the last few tickets to arrive, and are aiming to draw the raffle towards the end of the week.

Please return any sport uniforms you still have at home. Donna is collecting these in and completing a stock take to ensure we have full sets for next year. There are still quite a few to come in and we need these before the end of the term. Get your child to bring their uniform to the school office.

## Contact Details

Throughout lock down when we wanted to make contact with families, we found many out of date cellphone numbers, and some out of date email addresses. This was quite challenging. **Please email any changes to [principal@belfast.school.nz](mailto:principal@belfast.school.nz)** so we can have the numbers we need to contact you.

## Vaccinations

As you're aware, the Ministry of Health's advice is for everyone to get vaccinated to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Everyone in Aotearoa / New Zealand aged 12 years and over, can book their free COVID-19 vaccination. This link to [Ministry of Health](#) has all the information you need about the vaccine, and how to book an appointment. It has a link to information written in 39 different languages which may be of some help if English isn't your first language.

Noho ora mai - stay well everyone

**Sue Elley**

**Tumuaki – Principal**

## Advance Notice – School Photos:

Tuesday, 21 September.

A notice will be sent home later this week.





# Belfast School

**Support our Senior students** with their Pizza fundraiser. Order forms and money are to be handed into the Prefects at the **Senior block before school on Mon. 20/09, Tues. 21/09, and Wed. 22/09 between 8.30 and 8.55 a.m.**



## 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)

## 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 make sure children are wearing the correct **winter school uniform** in Term 3. From the beginning of Term 4 **summer school uniform** is to be worn. This means all children are to wear a navy blue wide brimmed **sun hat**. Belfast School's school uniform items can be purchased at The Warehouse, Northwood Supacentre.



The Community Dental Service has created a Facebook page to provide easily accessible information on our service and how to access care.

Find them on Facebook:

**Healthy Smiles Every Day Mene Ora Mai**

0800 846 983

[cdhb.health.nz/cd](http://cdhb.health.nz/cd)



# Community News

## St Albans Cricket Club:

Registrations open now! To register go to: [stalbanscricket.co.nz/register](http://stalbanscricket.co.nz/register)

- Games are played on Saturday mornings and finish before midday.
- Season runs during term time from mid October to end of March, with a break during Christmas/ New Year school holidays.
- Grades to suit all ages and skills from Year 2-4 boys and girls, up to Year 8 girls only teams.
- All players welcome, boys and girls.

For more information contact:

Matthew Davis – [matthewd@stalbanscricket.co.nz](mailto:matthewd@stalbanscricket.co.nz) – 027 696 1010

Patricia Davis – [trishd@stalbanscricket.co.nz](mailto:trishd@stalbanscricket.co.nz) – 021 0258 2881

## Biketober – festival of Cycling:



Every bike, every rider.

Biketober has something for everyone, including — for the very first time — a FAMILY category in the famous Biketober!

PASSPORT competition. It's the perfect activity to explore the city in the school holidays. Plus, it has some pretty impressive prizes up for grabs.

Full event details can be found at: [www.biketoberchch.nz](http://www.biketoberchch.nz)

## Papanui ToCH Athletics Club:

### GIVE ATHLETICS A GO - PAPANUI TOC H JUNIORS

The Summer Children's Athletics season begins in October. Come along to our Open Day on Sunday 11th October at 11 am at Papanui High School or at our first Club Night on Tuesday 13 October to register and get more information.

Athletics is a sport that teaches great basic physical skills that can be put to use in a variety of other sports, provides opportunities to develop social skills and the chance to make long lasting friendships.

The club has comprehensive facilities with a 130m all-weather track, 400m grass track, throwing circles and jumping facilities. Club nights are held every Tuesday and offer a combination of coaching and competition. Children can also compete against athletes from other clubs on Saturdays at the purpose built track at Nga Puna Wai.

**Register:** [www.papanuitochathletics.org.nz](http://www.papanuitochathletics.org.nz)

**Contact:** [jcc@ptoch.org.nz](mailto:jcc@ptoch.org.nz)

**Updates:** [www.facebook.com/PapanuiToCH](https://www.facebook.com/PapanuiToCH)





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## Shirley Tennis Club:



**9 COURTS**  
(4 hard court and 5 synthetic)  
**FLOODLIGHTS**  
on 4 COURTS!

**SHIRLEY TENNIS CLUB**  
**2021/22 JUNIOR TENNIS**  
Season now **UNDERWAY!**



**SHIRLEY TENNIS CLUB**  
**TENNIS CANTERBURY CLUB OF THE YEAR 2019/20**

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**JUST COME ALONG ON YOUR NEXT AVAILABLE SATURDAY**  
**8 AND UNDER BOYS/GIRLS: 9.00AM - 10.00AM**  
**9 YEARS AND OVER BOYS/GIRLS : 10.00AM - 11.15AM**

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**PROFESSIONAL COACHING PROVIDED AS PART OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION (\$130)**

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT -**  
**WAYNE TURNER - JUNIOR ADMINISTRATOR (385-3320) or email [wayne.turner1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wayne.turner1@xtra.co.nz)**  
**[www.shirleytennis.co.nz](http://www.shirleytennis.co.nz)**

## Coding October School Holiday Programme:

**Code Camp** allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in a fun and action packed environment.

Develop confidence and initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting and collaboration. Creating games, websites and apps as well as robotics.

4-8 October 2021

Book now at: <https://codecamp.co.nz>



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



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## Elements Programmes October Holidays:



**Elements nature based play: Are you looking to give your children an active & creative experience in school holiday's?**

Let's be imaginative & curious amongst nature. Think huts, ropes, trees, water play, tools, arts n crafts. Time and space to be a kid! For the October school holidays Elements are programmes such as **Mermaids & Sea Monsters** (Brighton & Pines Beach), **Magic & Potions** (Marshland/ Belfast), **Farm & Fire & Yellow Brick Rd** (Cashmere farm) Small groups, limited spaces.

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).

## FREE Parenting Helpline:



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aggression • jealousy • sibling rivalry  
social difficulties • lying • parenting alone  
separation anxiety • early puberty

... and anything else you're struggling with



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## 0800 568 856

[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)