



Belfast School Newsletter

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Wednesday, 15 December 2021

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Important Dates:

Last day for Years 1-7
Thurs. 16/12

Year 8s are welcome
to help out on Fri.
17/12 until 12 noon

**Term 1, 2022
starts with:**

Ako Meetings: Wed. 2
and Thurs. 3 February

Teacher Only Day Fri.
4 February

Waitangi Day
observation Mon. 7
February

All children at school
on Tues. 8 February

Meri Kirihimete and happy holidays to everyone



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 lava. Kon'nichiwa. Kamusta. Nī hāu. Namastee. Magandang hapon. Ni sa bula vinaka. Kia orana. Fakatalofa atu. Malo e leilei. Hujambo.

We have reached the end of a challenging and uncertain year. The pandemic has changed the way we have needed to operate as a school and as a community. As a state school, we have implemented the requirements of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education while keeping our school programmes running with as little disruption as possible. Over the past week we have been able to end the year with our syndicate fun days here at school, and although the weather has been cooler than we would have hoped, the children have had a great time.

Counting the AWHIs:

Every week throughout the year, each class tallies the number of AWHIs given out to the children. Individual totals are used for awarding the stickers, postcards, pizza lunches, certificates and badges at Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels. Whole class totals are used to award classes *Sparkle Time* (a special award time in class), and the whole school totals are used for fun days. This year the number counted reached **89,093 individual AWHIs!** Every one of these AWHIs was given with at least one positive comment from a teacher. What an amazing achievement! We know that sometimes, AWHIs end up in the washing machine at home, or lost in the playground, so the total is probably even higher. Look out for AWHIs at home in pockets next year and encourage your children to bring them back to school to be counted.



Fun Day Sponsors - Thank you!

Last Friday the whole school was treated to a fun filled event sponsored by Monty Parti and his team, Gemma, Jessica and Renee, from Mike Pero Real Estate. Frazer Lang from Elite Wheel Co. provided and helped by Malcolm Ngatai from Suck It Up, with Dean and Bianca Hunter, cooked sausages for the whole school.





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Our PTA provided ice blocks for all the students as a final treat for the day. The children enjoyed games, bouncy castles, volleyball, time on the skate park and best of all, the Slip'n Slide. A huge thanks go to our sponsors.



Year 8 Graduation:

Last week our Year 8 cohort celebrated their time at Belfast School with the graduation dinner event. We adapted to the new gatherings rules and hosted the event at school in the hall which looked amazing with bunting, tinsel and a photo wall. Linda Wilson, and her team (Sam and Laura), prepared a fantastic range of desserts to go with the Empire Chicken main. The students were transformed into young adults with stylish outfits, and put on an impressive dance display to end the evening. Emily, Amber, and Kimberley presented each of the students with a unique pounamu pendant as a memento of their time at Belfast School. The students have enjoyed wearing them at school this week.

Staff Farewells:

We are sad to be farewelling the following staff and wish them all the very best:

Having completed fixed term positions **Essie Agnew** from Room 15, and **Emma Mears** from Room 3 will be moving to teach at new schools next year. Essie will be teaching Year 8 at St Francis of Assisi and Emma will be teaching at Clearview Primary.

Sonia Koschinski is moving to Allenvale School to work in Special Education.

Rachel Morrall has completed her fixed term position and will be working as a Tutor at the NZ Graduate School of Education in 2022.

Julie Winton has completed her fixed term position and is looking forward to training as a Reading Recovery teacher at Ouruhia School in 2022.

Mark Lorenzen is pursuing new directions in education.

Paulette Graham, a long time cleaner at Belfast School, is retiring at the end of the year. We wish Paulette a happy and healthy retirement.



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Staffing for 2022:

Children had the opportunity to meet their 2022 teacher yesterday.

Syndicate	Room	Teaching Staff	Year Level
Juniors	The Nest	Mrs Judith Short and Mrs Ilisa Kearns (Team Leader)	1
	4	Miss Molly-Rose Chetwin-Kelly	1
	5	Miss Jess McCoy	1/2
	6	Mrs Helen Bancroft / Mrs Bex Philips	1/2
	7	Mrs Brittany Levick	2
Lower Middles	8	Ms Lissa Toscano (co-Team Leader)	3/4
	9	Mrs Monique Smith	3/4
	10	Mrs Caroline Jones	3/4
	11	Mrs Jacqui Page (co-Team Leader)	3/4
Upper Middles	14	Ms Michelle Wilkinson	5/6
	15	Mr Campbell Gold	5/6
	17	Mrs Tracey McLaughlin	5/6
	18	Mrs Linda Berryman (Team Leader)	5/6
Seniors	21	Miss Emily McCombie (Team Leader)	7/8
	22	Ms Amber Wing	7/8
	23	Miss Kimberley Rogers	7/8

School Survey:

Recently we surveyed you as part of our process in reviewing our curriculum. Thank you to the 104 participants who completed the survey. The results affirmed the themes that came out of discussions with the group of parents / caregivers we met with earlier in the year. With 80% or more agreement in almost every category, it is very gratifying to get such positive feedback;

- 94% agreement that teachers work hard to meet children's needs,
- 91% agreement that children are learning to be safe online,
- 94% agreement with the way technology is used at Belfast School,
- 95% of children are proud to attend Belfast School.

Our work on reviewing the curriculum will continue next year as we prepare for our two site school

Important Information for Bus Children:



We wish to advise that the bus provider has changed to Torlesse Travel from the start of Term 1, 2022. The bus route will remain the same, however would recommend that a parent/caregiver stays with their child/children while they are waiting for the bus in the morning and meet them in the afternoon as they get off the bus for the first couple of days to ensure the children do not miss the bus.

John Parsons - save the date:

On 23 February 2022, John Parsons will be at school for the day to teach all our students, staff and parents / caregivers about being smart and safe in the digital world. We bring John to school every two years to strengthen our understanding and skills of living with the online world. Parents / caregivers who have heard John speak rate him highly. John runs session with each syndicate adapting his messages to suit the age and needs of the children. The type of evening session for parents /caregivers will depend on the traffic light level at that time. We will let you know closer to the date.



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We hope that whatever your plans are for the summer break that you have a happy, safe and healthy time. We should all continue to be mindful of keeping ourselves and our whānau safe from COVID-19. We encourage you to be vaccinated, get tested if you feel unwell and follow the Public Health recommendations.

Mere Kirihimete. Ngā mihi o te tou hou - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Sue Elley
Tumuaki - Principal

Reminder to book your Ako Meeting:

On Wednesday, 2 and Thursday, 3 February 2022 we are holding Ako meetings for all children. These meetings are an opportunity for you to come into the school, to meet your child's 2022 teacher and discuss important information that will assist in preparing learning for the year ahead. This is a very important meeting to set the scene for a successful year. You received this information yesterday in the envelope that contained your child's school report, on how to make a booking for this meeting on Wednesday, 9 December. School will be open for these meetings with the teacher between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Friday, 4 February is a **Teacher Only day** so the **first day back in class for all students in 2022 will be Tuesday, 8 February 2022.**



Reading Logs:

Earlier this week, Reading Logs were sent home with your child. It would be great if you could help your child complete them during the holiday break.

Chromebook Purchase Information:

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

1. **Acer C733 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 Manaiakalani Education Trust.
5. **Cost: \$550.00 incl. GST**



Payment is required before the order can be processed. (WINZ option available, see your child's school).

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

Any orders made now will be for delivery at the end of January 2022.

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).



"Swipe Keys" for Belfast Community Pool – Vaccine Mandated Pool 12 yrs 3 mths:



Keys are available for hire from the school Office **UNTIL** 10.30 a.m. Friday, 17 December. A **Key Holder's agreement and pool rules** are to be read and signed at the time of purchase. You will also need to show your 'My Vaccine Pass'. You will be able to access the pool after school, at the weekends and during the Christmas school holidays. If you plan to hire a swipe key we encourage you to organise this before the Office closes.

Stationery Packs for 2022:

Remember to order your child's stationery pack online at www.myschool.co.nz In the orange box type in Belfast School, click onto the school's name then onto "view the requirements list". This information was also included in your child's class placement letter. Children are required to have the correct stationery requirements for the first full day of school on Tuesday, 8 February 2022.

If your contact details have changed, please update these with the office. We often find that phone numbers change causing problems when we need to make contact. We need to have accurate contact details for the parents / caregivers of all children. Please email principal@belfast.school.nz with any changes; state your child's name, room number and what the changes are, thank you.



Do you have a child turning 5 years old in the next six to nine months?

If you have a child **turning 5 between now and December 2022** who will be attending Belfast School, please enroll your child. If you are not sure if you have completed an enrolment form, please email your child's name and date of birth to principal@belfast.school.nz so Sally can check our records. We need to know how many 5 year olds are starting so we can plan for their visits etc.



Please note that if you have moved out of Belfast School's enrolment zone since your first child started school, you will need to complete an Out of Zone Enrolment form.

Dental Care during the Summer School Holidays:

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the school holidays (closed from 25th December to 10th January).



The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby** from Monday 10 January
- **Aranui Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Aranui** on 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 January
- **Hillmorton Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch** from Monday 10 January.
- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru** from Monday, 10 January

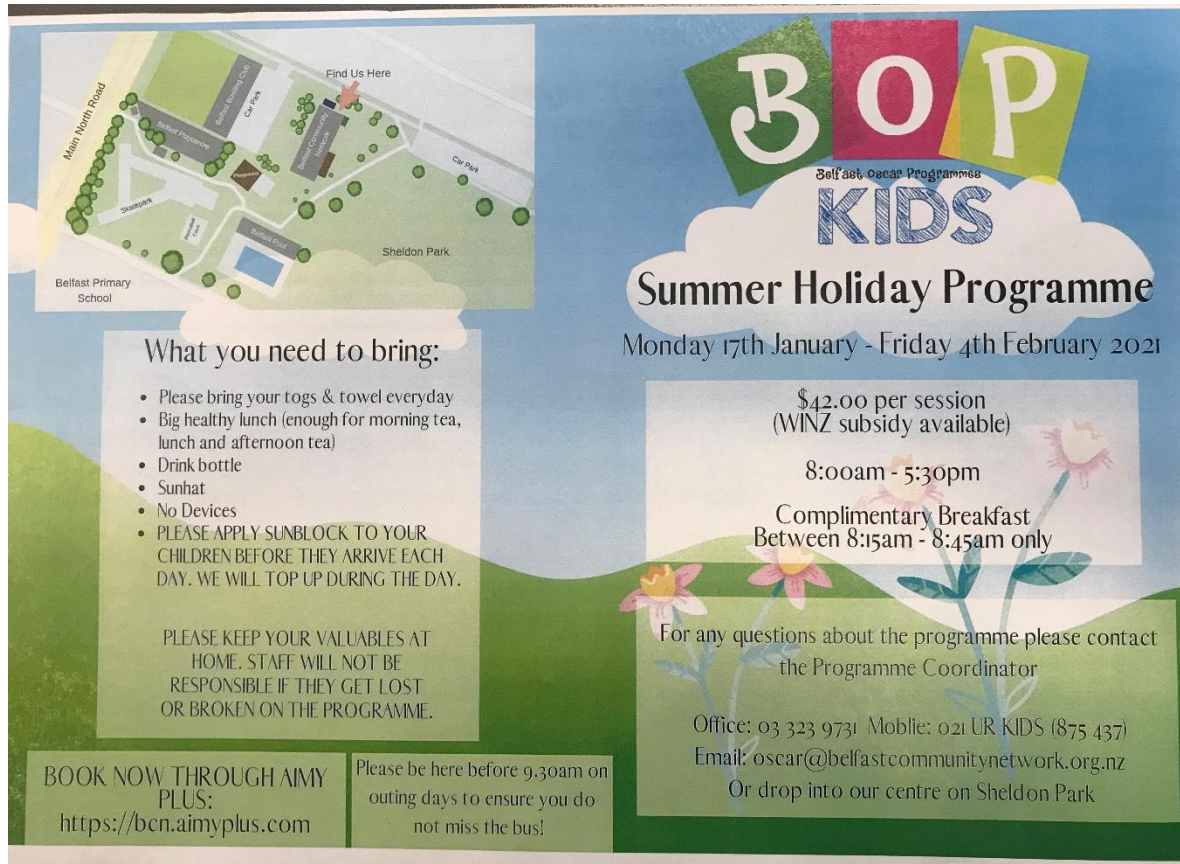
The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please **phone 0800 846 983**
Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz



Community Notices

Belfast Oscar Holiday Programmes:



The poster for the BOP KIDS Summer Holiday Programme features a map of the location on the left, a list of items to bring, pricing and timing information, and contact details on the right. The background is a light blue sky with a green hill and flowers at the bottom.

BOP KIDS
Belfast Oscar Programmes
Summer Holiday Programme
Monday 17th January - Friday 4th February 2021

What you need to bring:

- Please bring your togs & towel everyday
- Big healthy lunch (enough for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)
- Drink bottle
- Sunhat
- No Devices
- PLEASE APPLY SUNBLOCK TO YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE THEY ARRIVE EACH DAY. WE WILL TOP UP DURING THE DAY.

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

BOOK NOW THROUGH AIMY PLUS:
<https://bcn.aimyplus.com>

Please be here before 9.30am on outing days to ensure you do not miss the bus!

\$42.00 per session
(WINZ subsidy available)

8:00am - 5:30pm

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

Kids Ballroom Dance Classes in 2022:

Dynamic Dance with The Christchurch Ballroom Dancing Club invite you to learn how to dance with a former champion Ballroom Dancer.

New children's classes begin in Term 1, 2022 on Thursday's at 4pm at Belfast School hall.

Adult beginner classes at 7.15pm.

Come along, try something new, have some fun!

Please contact Dianna on [027 379 1819](tel:0273791819)



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Elmwood Players:

Gangsters! Cream pies! Singing! Dancing! And Splurge guns...

For summer entertainment, come and see the Elmwood Players hilarious family musical BUGSY MALONE! Based on the hit 1976 film originally starring a preteen Scott Baio and Jodi Foster, and featuring a catchy, swinging score by the composer of The Muppet Movie. Two gangs, comprised completely of children, square off in a 1920s rivalry of Capone-ian standards. Dandy Dan's gang has gotten the upper hand since obtaining the "splurge" gun. Now, Fat Sam and his bumbling buffoons are in real trouble! Bugsy Malone, a one-time boxer, is thrust not-so-willingly into the gangster limelight when he becomes the last chance that Fat Sam's gang has of surviving. All Bugsy really wants to do is spend time with his new love, Blousey, but that just isn't in the cards for our hero. Bugsy Malone is a classic musical comedy not to be missed.

You might even get splurged yourself!!

At Elmwood Auditorium over the Summer School Holidays in January.

Bookings

https://nz.patronbase.com/_ElmwoodPlayers/Productions



BY ARRANGEMENT WITH WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC LTD,
ADMINISTERED BY HAL LEONARD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD.

Christchurch United FC:

Inviting Boys and Girls 5-12 yo to Christchurch United Multi Sport School Holiday Programme

Football in the morning (9-12pm) and Cricket in the afternoon (12-3pm)

Busy parents prefer School Holiday Programmes that are fun, educational and full of activities. That's exactly what we are offering in the state-of-the-art Christchurch Football Centre.

December'21 Mon 20th - Tue 21st & Thu 23rd - Fri 24th

January'22 Mon 17th - Tue 18th & Thu 20th - Fri 21st

January'22 Mon 24th - Tue 25th & Thu 27th - Fri 28th



Programme cost: Full day any day 9am-3pm \$50; Half day 9-12pm or 12-3pm \$30 each

To register for the program, follow the link where you can conveniently book for several days at once. <https://cufo.co.nz/academy/holiday-program>



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CodeCamp - Summer School Holiday Programme:

CodeCamp allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps.

Venue: Waimairi School, Bryndwr

Dates: 10th – 14th January, and 17th – 21st January,

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



FREE Tutored Holiday Coding Activity for Students:

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



**EDUCATIONAL CODING
HOLIDAY ACTIVITY**

Students learn to make websites and games in an online activity with live tutor help.

FREE
Ages 9 to 18
60m length (1 activity)
4pm, 5pm and 6pm
Mon 17 Jan to Fri 21 Jan 2022

Book now at
codingnz.com/holidays

Exciting news!

Coding NZ is offering a **FREE** 1 hour tutored holiday coding activity for students in years 6 to 13.



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Northern Community Christmas Market:

**NORTHERN COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS MARKET** 

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOOD VENDORS
FRUIT AND VEG

RAFFLE : \$100 GIFT BASKET 1st prize
SPONSERED BY: CADBURY SACK 2nd prize
NEW WORLD NORTHWOOD
AND PRESTONS ROAD

INSIDE STALLS CAR BOOT SALES
XMAS GIFTS
AND MORE!!

26 TUCKERS ROAD
NORTHCOTE SCHOOL
SAT 18th Dec 10-3pm
LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR