



Belfast School Newsletter

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Friday, 16 April 2021

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Principal:

Sue Elley

Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Caroline Elkington

Dates of Interest:

Term 2 commences on Mon.
3 May at 8.55 a.m.

Uniform free day on Wed. 5
May

Secondhand Uniform Sale
on Thurs. 13 May 8.20-9.00

Welcome to our new Pupils:

Eli Gent, Tyson Hunt, Jacob Hemingway-Mills, Ayla Robinson, Ayla Standen, Nathaniel Koks, Saanvi Sharma, Cooper Ellery, and Ollie Blank.



Hello 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.

It has been a great first term of the year, free of disruptions and full of learning opportunities for our tamariki – children. There have been a number of highlights: the Year 7-8 camp at Hanmer Springs, Beach Education for Years 1-4, The Safe Decibels Programme for Years 5-6, the Junior Triathlon, Year 7-8 sailing, kayaking for the prefects, free swimming lessons for Years 3-6 and our swimming sports and celebrations.

Our new Kapa Haka tutors, Matua Sonny and Tuahine Tui, have been doing a great job focusing on learning new waiata, the origins of waiata and their meaning, tikanga Māori, and refining our haka. The Gymnastics group has been training hard with Mrs Inwood, Yolande has done some amazing work with our choir, and Jane has been training our Literacy team who entered the Te Koru Literacy Quiz this week. Julie and David Winton have continued to work on their passion - our tamariki gardens with children.

Our teachers have been hard at work providing all kinds of learning programmes for children across the school, both in their classes and extra-curricula activities. Our whole team at Belfast, teachers, teacher aides and administration staff, along with Mr Aldersley, who is taking care of our grounds and buildings, have made Term 1 a very successful time for all our children.

Supporting us in our daily work are other professionals from the Ministry of Education, Paige (Mana Ake), Paula (school counsellor) and many volunteers. We are very grateful for the contribution they have made, and of course, thanks to the many parents who have supported our activities as volunteers, providing supervision and transport. Kia mau te wehi - great effort team!

Junior Block Remediation Work

The work on the Junior Block will continue into Term 2. As well as remediating weather tightness problems, the Ministry of Education is also funding upgrades to the acoustics, lighting and ventilation of the building. The anticipated completion date is mid-June. Moving classes back into the Junior Block will take place at the end of Term 2, a few weeks later, to avoid disruption to learning programmes.



Belfast School

Website and Facebook

Our website (www.belfast.school.nz) and Facebook pages serve different purposes for keeping you up to date with information and events at school. Our Facebook page gives you snapshots of day-to-day events and highlights of our regular school programmes. Our website has more in-depth information with articles and blogs that explain how learning is structured and supported at Belfast School. Checking in on the Facebook page is quick and easy, and we know that many of you do that. We encourage you to check our website for new articles regularly and find information. The website is the place to go to when you want to find out more about things unique to Belfast School eg. Awhis, Blues Awards, our Library Awards. A quick way to search for information is to use the **Explore Tags** feature. Our website is still relatively new so we are building up information articles constantly. If there is something you are interested in seeing on our website email principal@belfast.school.nz with your suggestions.



Gold Awhi

This term we were able to present our first Gold Awhi Badge to Zara Johnstone. To reach this very high standard Zara earned 1200 Awhis. Zara, one of our two Head Students, has taken on many extra responsibilities and through this has earned this amazing number of Awhis. We are really proud of her for reaching this high level of achievement.

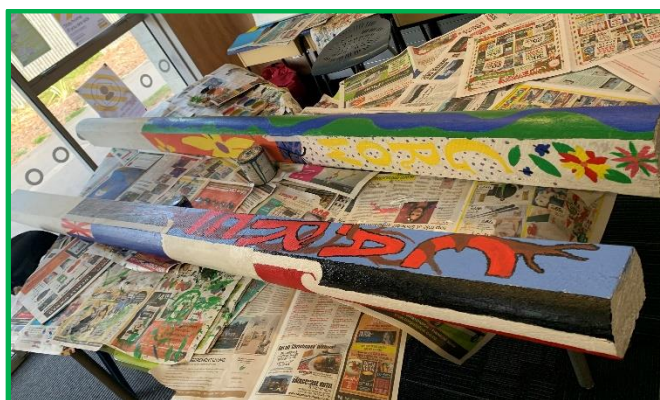
Many other children have reached the Bronze level with certificates for the Year 1-4s and Badges for the Years 5-8. *"Pizza with the Principal"* has happened three times during the term for all the children who have reached 300 Awhis at either the Bronze or Silver level. This seems to be one of the most favourite awards.



Tamariki Gardens



Over the term it has been great to see parents and children enjoying the new seating in the garden area. A final project for the gardens is nearing completion with groups of senior students designing and painting pou (poles) that will be erected to bring some colour and more interest to the area. The seniors have designed the pou to represent our school values and the cultures of our students. Look out for these in the new term.



Enjoy the holiday break

Over the next two weeks we hope you are able to enjoy some family time and the last of the sunny days. If you have a chance to travel stay safe. We look forward to seeing all our children back at school on Monday 3 May.

Nga mihi nui – kind regards
Sue Elley
Tumuaki – Principal



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Reminder that children are to wear **winter school uniform** in Terms 2 and 3.

Reading Logs have been sent home with your child for the holiday break.



Dates for your Diary:

1. **Term 2** commences on Monday, 3 May.
2. PB4L playground token prize from Term 1 - **uniform free day** on Wednesday, 5 May.
3. **Secondhand Uniform Sale** on Thursday, 13 May, 8.20-9.00 a.m. outside the school library. \$5.00 per item.

Dental Care during the 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 check-ups, 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 holidays.



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

- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,**
- **Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook**

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

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please:
call 0800 846 983 or email commdental@cdhb.health.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 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

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. Go to www.littlelunches.co.nz






Mana Ake Website : <https://manaake.health.nz/>

Parents going to this website can be assured of finding up-to-date and quality information on wellbeing and parenting skills.

In Term 2 Mana Ake are running a 6-session programme, "Tuning in to Kids", for parents/caregivers of children aged 4-12 years. If you are interested in attending this programme, please contact Jo Johnstone via email jo.johnstone@belfast.school or Kim Button kim.button@yat.org.nz

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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 4-12 years


Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- awareness and regulation of their own emotions;
- awareness of their children's emotions;
- to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- to guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.

Sessions include:

- watching video material
- group discussions and exercises
- role plays
- home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions

Parents are encouraged to share experiences and ideas within the group.



If you would like further information or to sign up to attend please contact the facilitator as listed below.

Start	Day and time	Location	Contact
26 May	Wednesday 10am- 12pm	Design Lab, Print place, Addington	Liz Riley Liz.Riley@sjog.org.nz
17 May	Monday 1-3pm	Belfast Network Building- Sheldon park	Kim Button kim.button@yat.org.nz
10 May	Monday 9.30-11.30am	Rolleston Community Centre	Paige Lenton Paige.lenton@barnardos.org.nz
18 May	Tuesday 9.30-11.30am	Wigram	Jonathan Crosby Jonathan@mmsi.org.nz
18 May	Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm	Northcote School	Rosalie Sprosen Rosalie.Sprosen@standforchildren.org.nz
14 June	Monday 10-midday	Rangiora (Currently full)	Marie Simpson Marie.mana.ake@wellbeingnc.org.nz



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L):

Congratulations to the following pupils who in Term 1 have earned their Certificate (Y1-4) and Certificate and Badge (Y5-8)

Room No.	Name	Certificate/Badge
21	Carlos McMurdo	Bronze Certificate/Badge
21	Trinity Shackleton	Bronze Certificate/Badge
21	Rihana Weir	Bronze Certificate/Badge
7	Vera Vernihor-Hay	Bronze Certificate
8	Madeline Bogren	Bronze Certificate
9	Braxton Taylor-Wootton	Bronze Certificate
12	Kobi Towns	Bronze Certificate
9	Amy Jiao	Bronze Certificate
11	Jacob Edwards	Bronze Certificate
18	Charlotte Kearns	Bronze Certificate/Badge
7	Ella York	Bronze Certificate
10	Ayla Elliot-Woods	Bronze Certificate
21	Ashly Dai	Bronze Certificate/Badge
11	Capri Hunter	Bronze Certificate
22	Selena Weir	Bronze Certificate/Badge
21	Zachary Clark	Bronze Certificate/Badge
21	Daniel Ellen	Bronze Certificate/Badge
21	Paige Forsyth	Bronze Certificate
8	Carter Brown	Bronze Certificate
9	Kimberley Symes	Bronze Certificate
9	Isabella Tyrell	Bronze Certificate
21	Zara Johnstone	Gold Certificate/Badge
10	Luca Coates	Bronze Certificate
18	Emily Ahomiro	Bronze Certificate/Badge
23	Luna Vickers	Bronze Certificate/Badge





Belfast Netball Courts / repair of toilet Block - Petition!

Please see below the link for submissions to the CCC to get our courts fixed. We need to have 300 so we urgently need your help.

You can directly input your submission here: <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/show/386#startsubmission>

New Courts and Toilets for Belfast

You can make a submission on the draft Long Term Plan **by**:

1. **Step One:** copy the submission text below
2. **Step Two:** click the button that says "Submit"
3. **Step Three:** fill out the online form
4. **Step Four:** paste the text into the top "Have we got the game plan right?" section.

If you don't want to fill out the form you can email CCCplan@ccc.govt.nz directly with your submission. Or, you can make your own submission - you may wish to share your own experiences of using the courts.

A petition will also be circulating on uniform nights and at Club Day.

Submission text for copying and pasting:

I'm submitting on the draft Long Term Plan to ask the Council to prioritise the immediate renewal of the Belfast netball courts at Sheldon Park and the repair of the toilet block.

The courts are in terrible state and in dire need of renewal. The netball courts are a health and safety concern because:

- they flood when it rains
- they are slippery with ice on frosty mornings
- when most teams train in the evenings they are slippery and damp from night-time dew
- part of one court is permanently wet and covered in a slick film because it never dries out
- they have extensive cracking filled with vegetation
- they have holes for tennis net poles that are no longer used

The toilet block was damaged in the earthquakes and is frankly, in a disgusting state.

The junior teams at the Belfast Netball Club, Belfast School, Belfast Kids First Kindergarten and other community and sporting groups use the courts. The senior teams (under 17 and up) no longer use the courts due to the high risk of injury. Instead the Club pays each year to hire courts for senior teams to train on. This is a large burden.

Belfast Netball Club is a large community based club, run by a small, dedicated committee. It has approximately 250 registered players this year. New subdivisions and the proposed addition of a second school in the area means this number will grow. However, for the Club to be able to support growth it requires adequate facilities, now, not in 2027. Safe courts are essential for the Club's future. Please Christchurch City Council, prioritise the immediate renewal of Belfast Netball Courts and the immediate repair of the toilet block! Bring forward the Community Parks Planned Hard Surfaces Sheldon Park projects works and include the repair of the toilets with it.



Community Notices

Belfast Junior Rugby:



BELFAST JUNIOR RUGBY



Registrations are Open Now!



Awesome Family Friendly Club



**Teams catering for children aged 4-12 years
(as at 1st January 2021)**



Non Contact Rugby for Ages 4-10 years

- Under 6 & Under 7 Ripa Grades

- Under 8/9 & Under 10/11 Quick Rip Grades



Tackle Rugby for Ages 7-12 years

- Under 8 to Under 13 Mixed Grades

- Under 13 Girls Grade for ages 10-12 years

(played on Wednesday Afternoons)



Season Starts on Saturday 8th May

Finishing Late August/Early September

www.belfastrugby.co.nz

**Register on our website above, or email
juniorsbrfc@gmail.com with any questions!**



Community Notices

ANZAC Day Breakfast:

ANZAC Day Service



Sunday 25th April 2021

8:30am

War Memorial
Sheldon Park, Belfast

Lest We Forget

Provided by:

Rotary Club of Belfast/Kaiapoi

Belfast Bowling Club

Belfast Community Network



Community Notices

Belfast Oscar Programme – School Holidays:



Autumn Holiday Programme

MONDAY 19TH – FRIDAY 30TH APRIL 2021

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

BOOK NOW THROUGH AIMY PLUS
[HTTPS://BCN.AIMYPLUS.COM](https://bcn.aimyplus.com)

WEEK ONE



**MONDAY 19TH APRIL
DUDLEY POOL**
TODAY WE ARE HEADING TO DUDLEY POOL FOR A SWIM PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SWIMMING TOGS!



**TUESDAY 20TH APRIL
MINUTE TO WIN IT/SKATEPARK**
TODAY WE HAVE A MINUTE TO WIN IT CHALLENGE WITH A TRIP OVER TO THE SKATEPARK BRING YOUR BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS



**WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL
NEW BRIGHTON DOMAIN**
TODAY WE ARE HEADING TO NEW BRIGHTON DOMAIN PLAYGROUND. WE WILL ALSO BE CRAB HUNTING.



**THURSDAY 22ND APRIL
PYJAMA DAY-BAKING-SPORTS**
TODAY WE WILL BE GETTING INTO TEAMS AND DOING A BAKE OFF! THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR EACH TEAM. COME ALONG IN YOUR PJS



**FRIDAY 23RD APRIL
TURANGA LIBRARY**
TODAY WE ARE HEADING TO TURANGA LIBRARY IN THE CITY

WEEK TWO

ANZAC DAY



**TUESDAY 27TH APRIL
CRAFTS DAY**
TODAY WE ARE DOING FRAME PAINTINGS TO PUT ON YOUR WINDOWSILL AT HOME. WE WILL ALSO BE DOING STRESS BALLS AND MORE!



**WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL
CHIPMUNKS PLAYLAND**
TODAY WE ARE HEADING TO CHIPMUNKS! PLEASE BRING A BIG LUNCH AND REMEMBER SOCKS ARE A MUST THIS DAY.



**THURSDAY 29TH APRIL
CRAFTS WITH JARS**
TODAY WE ARE DOING CRAFTS WITH JARS! SPORTS ACTIVATORS WILL BE JOINING US PLEASE WEAR OLD CLOTHES



**FRIDAY 30TH APRIL
HOLLYWOOD CINEMA**
TODAY WE ARE OFF TO THE MOVIES WHICH WILL BE PICKED CLOSER TO THE DATE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN POPCORN & LOLLIES.

IMPORTANT :

PLEASE BE HERE BY 9.45AM FOR OUR OUTINGS
WE WILL BE RETURNING FROM OUR OUTINGS AT 3PM
THANK YOU

PLEASE WEAR OLD CLOTHES FOR OUR CRAFT DAYS
THANK YOU !

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- Big healthy lunch (enough for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)
- Drink bottle
- Sunhat
- 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.



FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME PLEASE CONTACT THE PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

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



Community Notices

Act2 Drama Group Auditions:



Audition Call

The Little Mermaid

Directed by Kerri-Anne Barnes.

Adapted by Josh Cairns.

Saturday 17th April

Audition times are available from 9am

Rehearsals:

Friday 5pm - 6.45pm

Sunday 1pm - 4.45pm

Performance dates:

Sunday 18th July - Saturday

24th July

Requirements:

All those auditioning need to sing a verse or chorus of a song from the movie *The Little Mermaid* and they will be asked to read parts from the script.



Like us on
Facebook

To book an audition

Please text or call Fay on 0210431108

www.act2drama.co.nz | act2dramagroup@gmail.com



Community Notices

YMCA Holiday Programme & T2 Information:



YMCA
School Holiday Programmes

April 2021
Enrol NOW!

We offer a great range of fun onsite and offsite activities, no extras charged for activity entry fees or transport, these are included in our daily rates.

FUN 5-7s
Riccarton

ADVENTURE 10-12s
Bishopdale YMCA

ACTIVE 8 9-12s
City YMCA

EXPLORE 8-9s
City YMCA

ARTS 9-15s
City YMCA

BOOK ONLINE
www.ymcachch.org.nz
Children/Holiday Programmes
See what we are doing in April!



YMCA
After School Recreation Programmes

Term 2 2021
Enrol NOW!

The YMCA Christchurch offers a wide range of after-school recreational activities to cater for those of all ages and abilities, during school term time.

All programmes are \$99 a term—payment before the start of term, OR we have direct debit options available where you can pay instalments over the term. To find out more or to enrol pop in and see us at 13a Bishopdale Court, Bishopdale Mall, or phone 359 8320, or take a look at our website.

BASKETBALL MINI BALL
Get your child involved and see them develop skills, friendships and a team spirit while also staying fit and healthy.

DANCE GYMNASTICS
Both programmes are designed to help children develop their motor skills, confidence, balance & body awareness.

www.ymcachch.org.nz/children/recreation

Elements Nature Programmes:

Elements Nature Based Play Are you looking to give your children a different experience next school holiday's? Have your children active & imaginative amongst nature. Think huts, trees, tools, arts n crafts, time and space. Elements has a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our programmes. For the April School holidays Elements are offering a range of theme such as 'Estuary & Beach', 'A Bugs World', 'Suess-tastic Times' & 'Battle Day' in a range of Chch locations for ages 5-13yrs.



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



Community Notices

Papanui High Adult Education Night Classes:



The poster for Papanui High School Night Classes features a collage of images including a person doing yoga, a guitar, a book titled 'VENICE & THE BENEVO', a pair of headphones, and various craft supplies like scissors and fabric. The text on the poster reads:

Papanui High School
Adult & Community Education

Night Classes

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

- Term 2 begins 10 May 2021
- Weekly evening or weekend classes • Pricing from \$102

See our courses: www.papanui.school.nz/adult-education

Enrol Now!
Ph 03 352 0701, email rpb@papanui.school.nz

Earth Day Eastern Featuring Hoops in the Bronx:

EDEn – Featuring Hoops in the Bronx will be held at the Bromley Community Centre on Thursday, April 22nd.

EDEn – Featuring Hoops in the Bronx is an opportunity for children around the region to take part in some social basketball and learn about the importance of Earth Day. There will be a 3v3 basketball tournament running throughout the afternoon with the winners receiving the top prize, but there are other prizes to be won! There will be a graffiti wall that kids will be allowed to add to, a beehive display, music and, we will be handing out wildflower seeds and lightbulbs to all who wish to have. On the day there will be food for everyone, but feel free to bring your own. For more information contact matthewjonesnzl@gmail.com.

Imagination Station:

Imagination Station is a LEGO based play and education charity in Christchurch and this holidays we are once again running some LEGO based activities at Tūranga and New Brighton Libraries.



Imagination
Station

Holiday activities:

Imagination Station will be running heaps of classes these holidays at Tūranga and New Brighton Libraries! We'll have sessions that cover remote controlled race cars, introductory robotics and robot battles, and our famous LEGO movie making workshops! If you're interested, find more info and reserve your space at imagination-station.org.nz or give us a call on 027 438 2106.