

BELFAST COMMUNITY NETWORK INC

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2012.

We had a fantastic turnout for breakfast on Christmas day with over 120 people coming along. A huge thank you to the Belfast Community Church for coordinating the event, Belfast Community Trust for their financial contribution, Belfast School for allowing us to use their facilities and the awesome volunteers from our community who came along and cooked for everyone – **THANK YOU!** After the 23rd December EQ it seemed that people really wanted to be together for a few hours and enjoy a meal with others, we have had many people telling us that over the past few months so please see below a new project our team has begun. Our website has lots of information about Belfast on it, please check it out regularly and if you have events that you want on it let us know!

Email: info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz

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Thank you to Belfast Automotive ph: 323 6336 valued sponsor of our vans

BRAINWAVE TRUST – THE FIRST 3 YEARS LAST FOREVER

Redwood/Belfast Plunket and the BCN are pleased to bring a Brainwave presentation to Belfast on **Sunday 26th Feb at 2pm** at CHCH North Elim. Did you know that the way you speak, handle & respond to a baby shapes the baby's brain? Come along and hear Nathan Mikarere-Wallis tell us about this and other fascinating facts. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$5 or you can pay at the door. If you or someone you know is pregnant or has children this is something every parent, aunty, uncle, grandparent, babysitter needs to come to! Please contact Nina at the BCN on **323 9731** for further info or tickets.

TIMEBANK COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our first Community Lunch for 2012 will be at 11.30am Thursday 02 February.

Our Belfast TimeBank members organise this and we encourage you to come down and share some food, good conversation, have a browse through our quality 2nd hand Clothing or stroll in our Community Garden. Lunches are every Thursday during the school terms. To sign up visit our website: www.belfast.timebanks.org.nz or ring Nyrene on 0508 TIMEBANK (0508 846 322).

BELFAST OSCAR

Our afterschool care operates from the BCN facility at 807 Main North Road for children aged 5-13 years, children are picked up from school at 3-5.30pm each day and the cost is \$12 per session. We do have vacancies for 2012 if you require care for your child/ren. We also have holiday programmes that run from 8.30am to 5.30pm. Our programme is Child, Youth & Family approved and subsidies are available for qualifying families. We welcome Nina Collins to our team this year. Nina comes from a teaching and social work background and is looking forward to working with our children and families as our Whanau Worker.

Please go to our website www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz for more details or contact our office on **ph: 323 9731**.

Community Meals in Belfast

TIME TO EAT IN BELFAST

Bringing individuals, families, businesses and organisations of our Belfast Community together. In 2012 we are offering our community two course meals in the last weekend of every month. What a great way to meet others, network with other community groups and find out who is who and who does what in our awesome community. Each month we will have a different sponsor and a different host. Our first one for the year - **Belfast Bang-ers and Mash** will be held on **Saturday 31st March 6pm** held at **Belfast School**. Sponsored by Kensal Investments and hosted by Belfast Community Church. \$5 waged, \$2 unwaged and children under the age of 15 FREE. Tickets available from Belfast Community Network, 807 Main North Road, Belfast!!! **TIME TO EAT** is coordinated by Belfast TimeBank so if you have any queries or are interested in sponsoring or hosting one of our meals, please contact Nyrene, TimeBank Coordinator PH: **0508 846 322** or email timebank@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz. Don't forget to get your tickets NOW as numbers are limited to 50. We will be looking for sponsors from our community to support a monthly meal, at a cost of \$300 for up to 50 people and local groups to provide it – how awesome is that! If you are interested give us a call at the office or through our website, but we will be door knocking!

TIMEBANKING IS HERE IN BELFAST

TimeBanking is a safe, new and exciting way for people to help others and help themselves at the same time. Members 'deposit' time in the bank by giving practical help and support and are able to 'withdraw' time when they need something done themselves. Everyone's time is valued equally – you give an hour and you get an hour back. Contact our TimeBank Coordinator, Nyrene on **ph: 0508 TIMEBANK (0508 846 322)** timebank@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz or visit our website!

ZUMBA

Come along to a Zumba class each Tuesday morning 9.30-10.30am with Kim and Tara of Caliente Fitness. First class is FREE and there is a cost of \$80 for 10 sessions or \$12 casual. Creche available as well. Contact Tara on **027 249 4799**.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Come down anytime to our community garden situated between the BCN and the CHCH North Elim Church at 807 Main North Road. We would love for you to come along and do a little work and take some lovely produce away with you. We are also grateful for any seedlings you may want to donate. Please contact Kim on **ph: 323 8088** or Denese on **ph: 323 7579** if you would like any more information.

BELFAST RUGBY

We are currently receiving interest from players from Auckland and North Island to come down and play for Belfast and are desperate for accommodation in the Belfast Area, so if anyone has a sleep out or wants a boarder please contact me at the details below. Rugby Preseason training has started at Sheldon Park, all welcome, 6.15pm Monday and Thursdays. Please contact John Powell on **ph 323 8024** Email: belfast.rfc@xtra.co.nz. Web: www.belfastrugby.co.nz

BELFAST AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Belfast Area Resident's Group meet on the last Monday of the month at the Belfast Bowling Club, Sheldon Park. We welcome you to come along and perhaps become a part of this group. Everybody is welcomed to attend these meetings and learn a little about the community you live in. For further information contact Gavin Stanbury on **ph: 323 8283**.

PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

Our Friday morning playgroup operates from the BCN at 807 Main North Road during school term. This is a great opportunity for mums, dads and whanau to come along and have a play with your children, have a coffee and a chat. For further information please contact Janine on **Ph: 323 4556**. Upcoming events: Picnic - Feb 24th, Lynette Griffiths for story telling -- Mar 2nd - WINZ/IRD community education group, March 9th - Plunket Appeal Picnic and sausage sizzle, March 30th - Easter, Hot Cross Buns

MAINLY MUSIC

Mainly Music for ages 0-5 runs at Christchurch North Elim, 803 Main North Road, Belfast - Mondays from 10am-11.00am. Mothers and caregivers enjoy participating, meeting and socialising with each other and enjoying a relaxed cuppa with morning tea. \$2 per child or \$3 per family. Enquiries to **323 7212**.

BELFAST FRIENDLY CLUB

Did you know that the Belfast Friendly Club has been operating for over 36 years? Our next few weeks programme is as follows: Feb 13th Joffs Country Band, Feb 27th Housie, March 12th Rangiora Music Group, March 26th Housie, April 2nd The Three of Us. Alternate Mondays is Housie. Thousands of men and women over the years have enjoyed entertainment, housie, outings, special occasions, Mid-winter lunches, birthday and Christmas celebrations and many more activities. A friendly welcome is awaiting you. For further information **ph: Marion 3238296, Myra 3524940**

BELFAST TOASTMASTERS

Belfast Toastmasters can help you improve your communication and public speaking skills and set you on the path to success – A chance not to be missed! Visit us on Monday evenings 7.30pm at the Salvation Army – 794 Main North Road & Donegal Street, Belfast. Phone Phil 03 323 6266 or Fay 03 327 6076 or go to our web page www.belfasttoastmasters.org.nz

**To place community notices in the April 2012
newsletter please contact:**

Belfast Community Network • Ph: 323 9731 • PO Box 76126 • Northwood
Christchurch 8548 or email info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz

All notices must have a contact name and telephone number.

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